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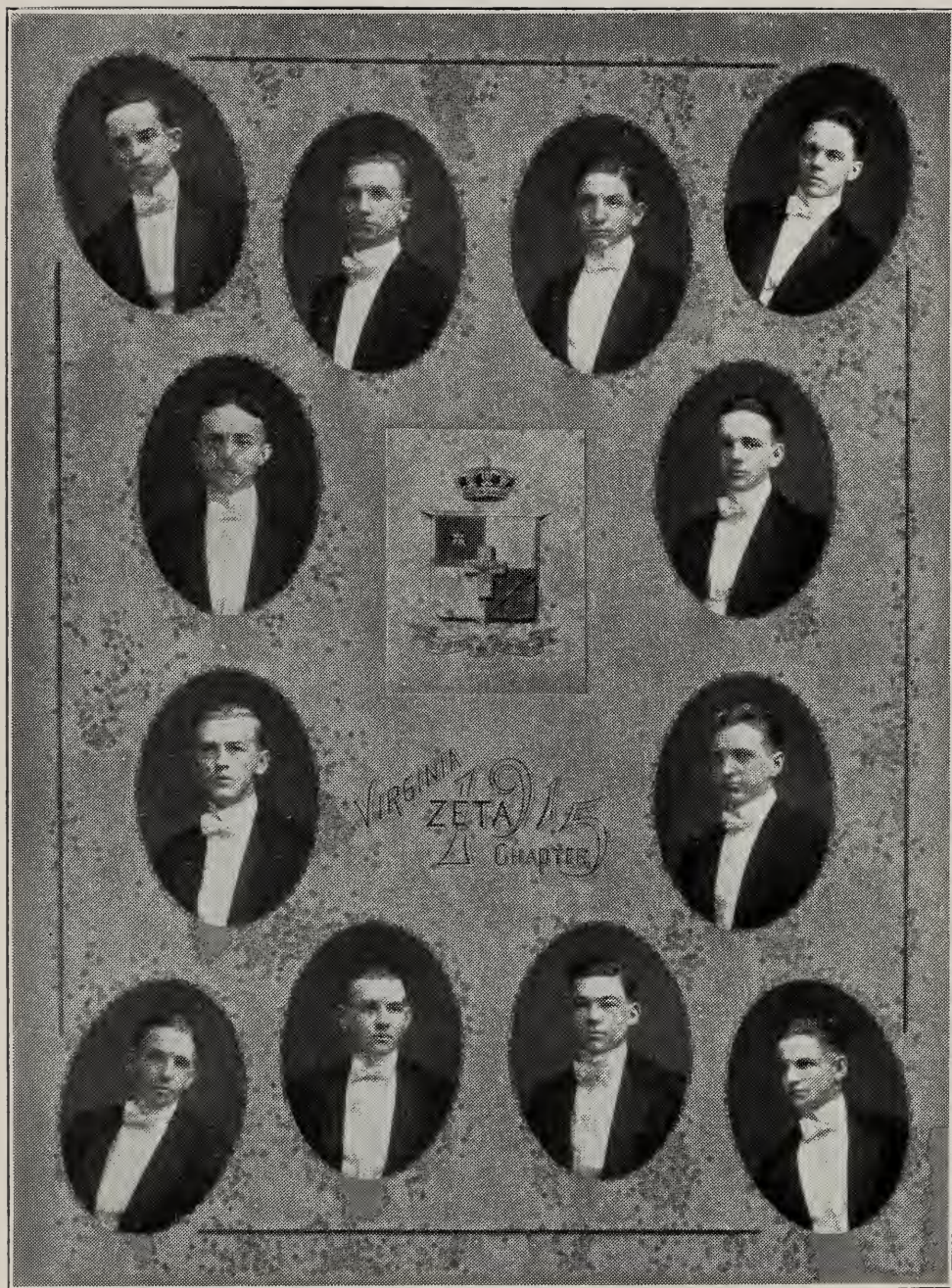
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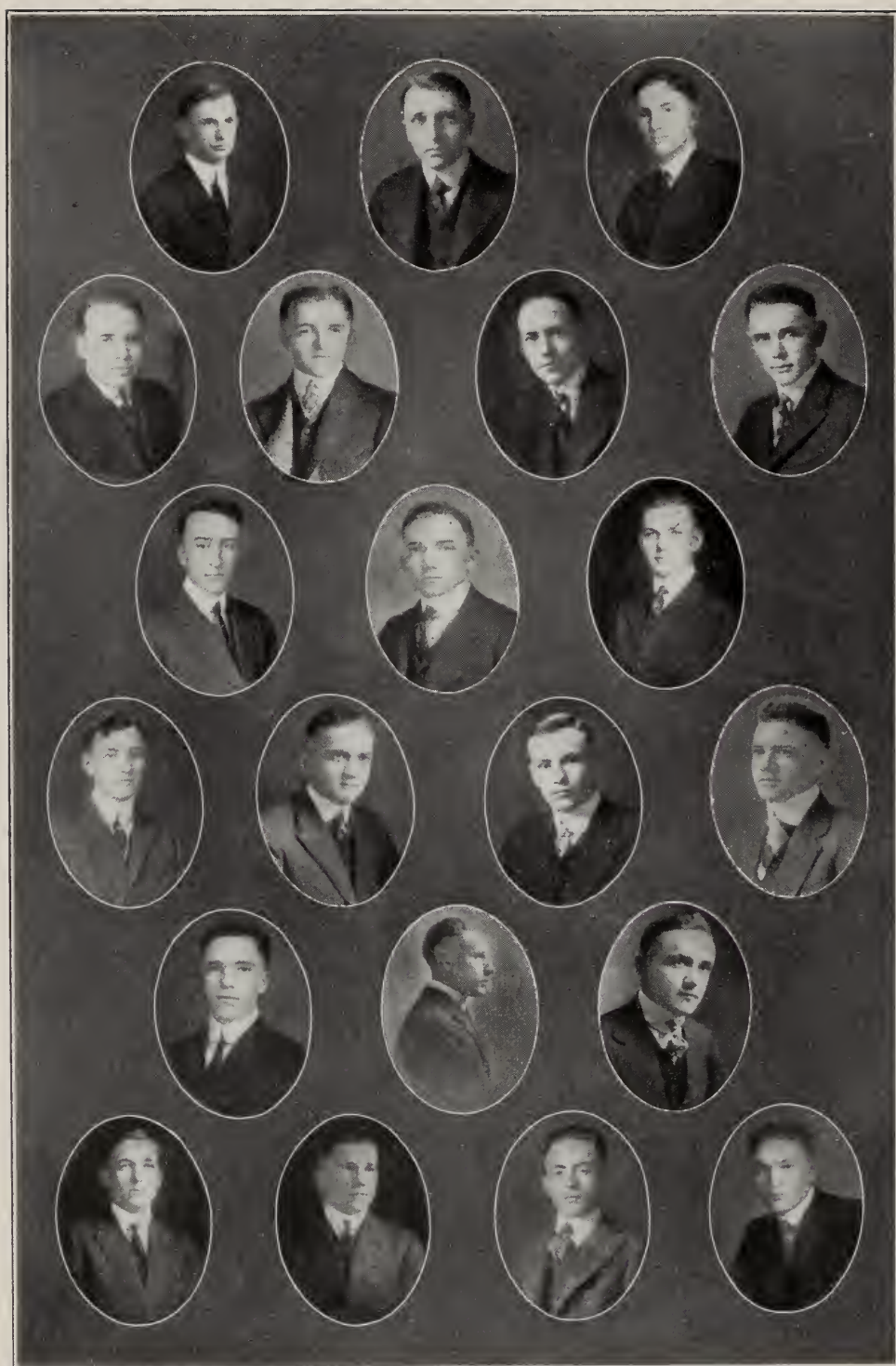
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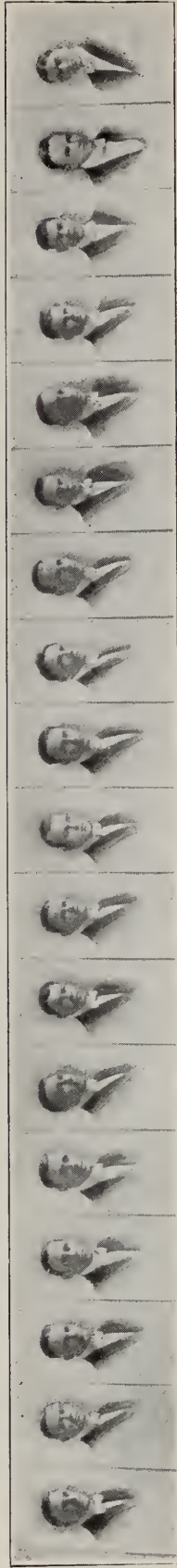
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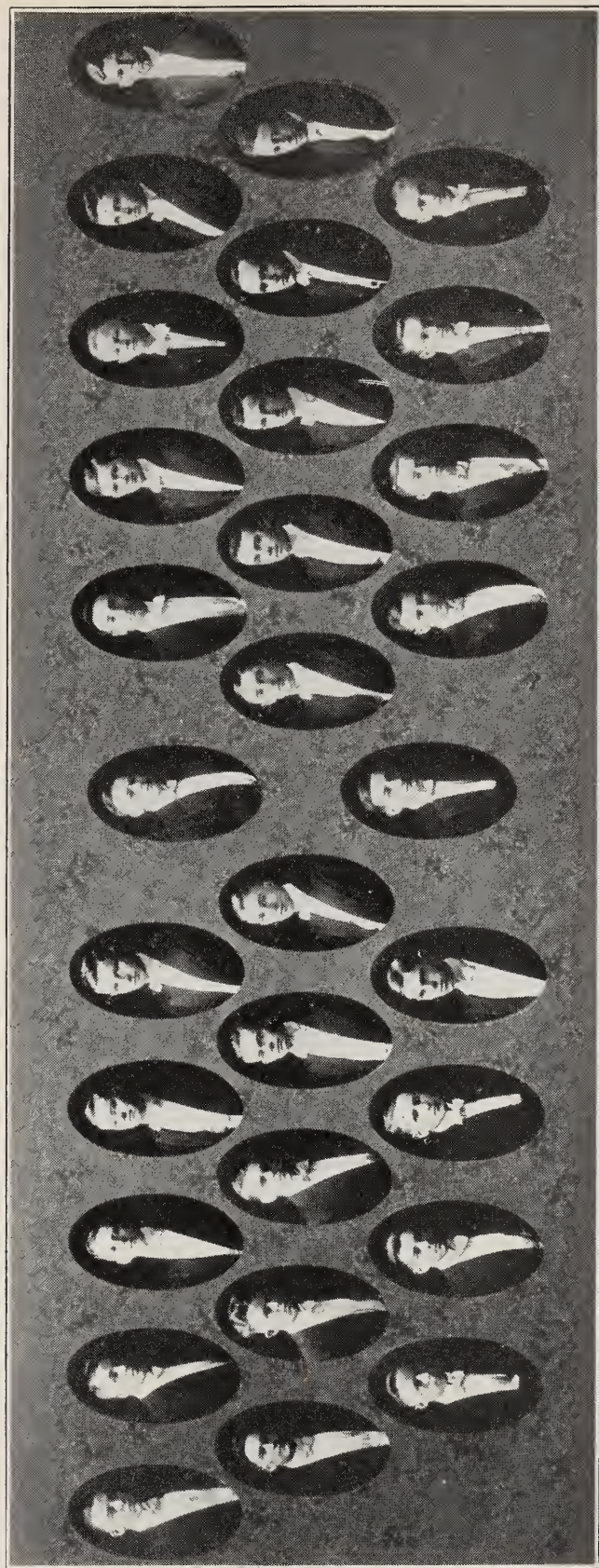


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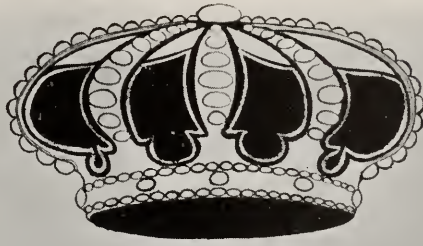


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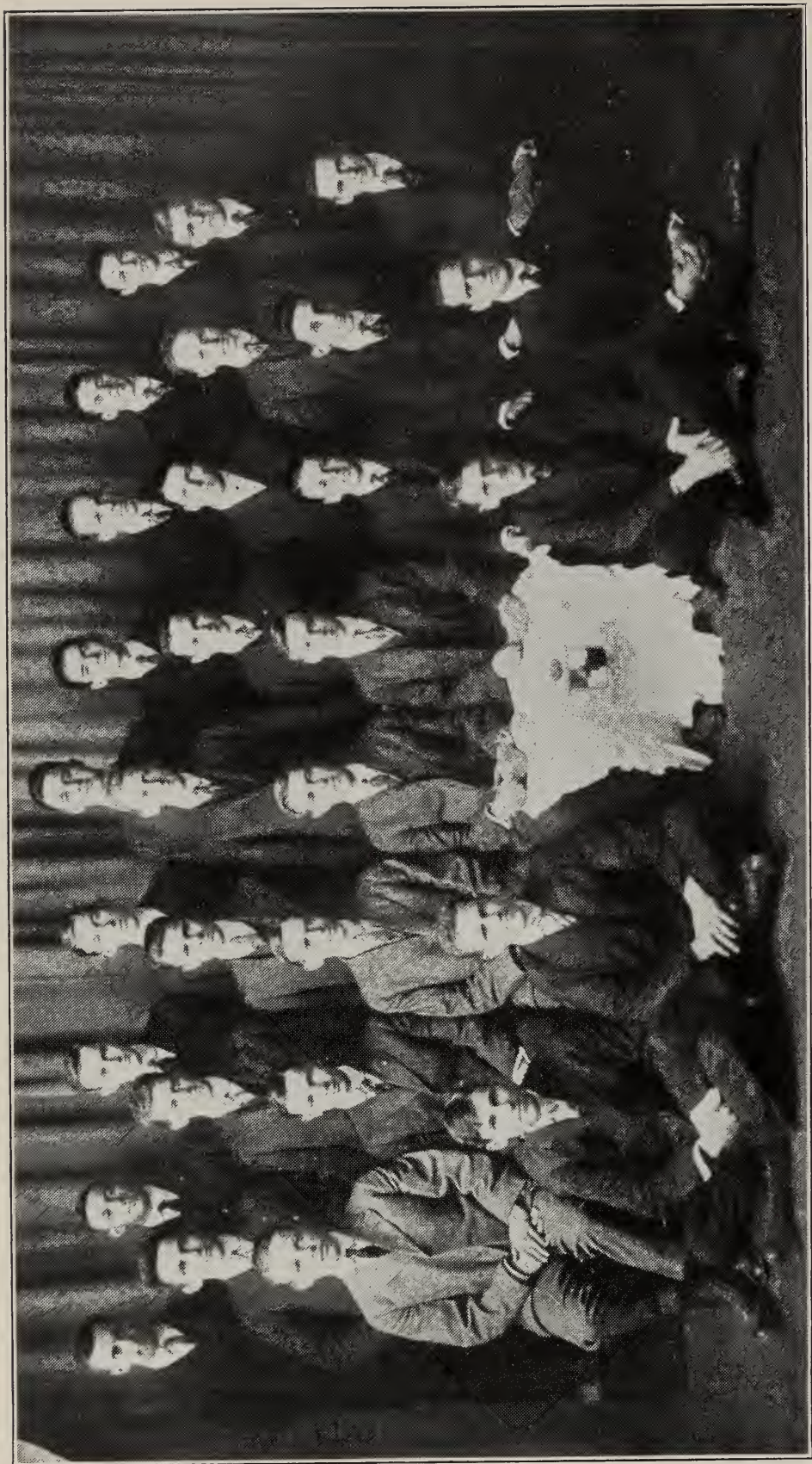


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### FRATERNALISM AND WAR

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While the old world is torn by dissensions, its historic structures razed by war, and the people of a dozen nations drafted to the battle field, the question on the lips of every American is, "How can war be averted in the future?" In answering the universal query this proposition is submitted: the only preventative for future wars is an international spirit of fraternalism. Whether fraternal organizations are essential or beneficial in fostering such a spirit will be discussed later.

Fraternity means a spirit of brotherhood; the feeling between men which usually exists between brothers. Between brothers aggravated selfishness is rarely displayed; a spirit of co-operation and willingness to help is ordinarily found. The stronger brother usually helps the weaker, the older assists the the younger. It is only the amplification of this spirit to international proportions that can prevent war. When the spirit of fraternity grips other nations as it has this "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more".

War and fraternalism are antipodes. War destroys; fraternalism builds. War brings sorrow; fraternalism with its hospitals and homes for the orphans and aged holds out hope, cheer and optimism. War is selfish. Into its maw is poured taxes wrung from struggling and indigent patriots.



Fraternalism distributes supplies to comfort those upon whom the hand of misfortune has been laid. War takes the father, brother and son from the home, and then, in the form of taxation, takes the home from the loved ones. Fraternalism gives back the support of the home, pays the mortgage that threatens to be foreclosed, and replenishes the empty larder. Fraternalism and war cannot coexist in the same nation. If war reigns, the spirit of true brotherhood has never gripped. If fraternalism is supreme, war can never make the nation's soil incarnadine with blood.

What relation do fraternal organizations bear to the spirit of fraternalism? Are they necessary to the inculcation of this spirit? Perhaps no nation enjoys the spirit of brotherhood as does the United States. No one questions the existence of the fraternal relations among the American people of all sections, making civil war now impossible. But, it is replied, the bloodiest contest ever waged on this continent was scarce half a century ago between the armies of Grant and the cohorts of Lee. True, but at that time fraternal societies were comparatively of no force here. The sentiment against fraternal organizations was strong. Antipathy towards the members of fraternal societies became organized in the '30's in a political party which cast over 33,000 votes for its candidate for president, the entire population of the United States then being not to exceed 13,000,000. That party attracted the sympathy of many who did not affiliate with it. The war had been brewing for more than thirty years before actual hostilities began. Fraternal organizations possessed less strength at that time than they did in 1861. 1825 marks the beginning of college fraternities, and it was not until 1840 that they exerted any perceptible influence in collegiate life. Their growth was retarded by the general antipathy to all fraternal organizations until after the Civil War. In such feelings, hostile to fraternal societies, the Civil War was fought. While not the cause recorded in history, may we not properly deduce from the events of that day that the real causes of the conflict were selfishness and lack of mutual confidence among the people. Such spirit is antagonistic to fraternalism. Fraternal societies being of little numerical force, we may legitimately conclude that their absence was a contributing cause to the conflict.

College fraternities do not exist outside of the United States and Canada. No nation has so many fraternal organizations as our own. They are strengthening from year to year. Character and not creed is prerequisite to membership. There are now



about 12,000,000 members of fraternal organizations in the United States and Canada exclusive of the members of college fraternities. Most fraternal organizations are open to Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, Socialist and Individualist. The intermingling of these conflicting creeds and political beliefs takes the personal hatred out of those lines which separate people into denominations and parties. It has been said that you cannot hate one whom you know. No less is it true that you cannot hate one to whom you are bound by obligations taken in the most binding form, and with the most solemn ceremonies. The increased influence of the fraternal societies is the greatest preventative this nation has against a repetition of the Rebellion. It is the best protection against a religious conflict. It is the strongest guarantee that grave national questions will be settled in a dignified and gentlemanly manner.

Secretary Bryan recently referred to fraternal societies as being, next to the church, the most potent force for peace in the world. Many of the nations which have been at war in Europe are called Christian, where the observance of church formalities is an unwritten requisite for citizenship. And church Christianity has failed. Transplant to European soil the spirit of American fraternalism, and the world's greatest missionary feat will be performed. Whether fraternal societies would thrive in the atmosphere of most foreign governments to the extent it does here, is conjectural. But before we can ever realize our dreams and behold the dawning day of international peace, the nations must recognize that all men are descended from the same Father, and therefore are brothers. That is the spirit of fraternalism which must extend to every land and clime, and grip the men of every race and creed before there can be any hope of universal disarmament. And there will be found no more potent missionary force in carrying that spirit to the ends of the earth than the teachings of the American college fraternity as exemplified in the lives of members scattered in all lands.

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## TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS AT COLORADO BETA

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For one to write on the subject of "Traditions and Customs at Colorado Beta" is at first thought out of the question since this Chapter has only had its charter through one and one-half school years. But many customs have been handed down to us from the days when we were a local organization, and some



of these have been established long enough to become traditions to the new men.

As concerns the standing of the various classmen in the chapter, the freshmen have always been the goats. Their days of probation are not ended on initiation, although after that they are treated more as human beings; but all through the first year of fraternity life, no matter what their class in college, the new men are the servants of any upperclassman who may desire a duty performed. There is a regular day each week when the new men clean up the Chapter house; and this year, that day has also required some extra work. For, in securing a suitable house, at the best possible terms, we found it necessary to do some house painting, and naturally the task fell upon the dutiful freshmen. Of course, late in the year, when the freshmen begin to do active work in the Chapter, they begin to assume a certain rightful importance.

In electing men to the various Chapter offices, the president is nearly always a senior; the steward of the house, a sophomore; the treasurer, a junior; and the house committee, juniors and seniors.

In the relation of the chapter to the student body, we have come to take a decided stand against "Political Frameups", knowing that such actions are harmful to the standing of the fraternity in the eyes of the "barbs". On the other hand, the democratic spirit of Colorado Beta of Sigma Phi Epsilon has always been admired by outsiders. And this very spirit has been a great force in doing away with machine politics among the fraternities and the sororities.

To pervert a proverb, "the shortest way to the heart of a 'barb' is through his stomach"—a good meal with congenial fellows. That idea is one of the best arguments in favor of running a table in the chapter house. For one never knows when a good man is going to turn up, and when he does, he always has a better attitude toward a fraternity immediately after a good meal, than he has at any other time.

The first initiation at Colorado Beta usually comes in November. Perhaps that is later than at most colleges where there is no rule requiring men to pass a certain number of hours before initiation, but it has proven to be the most satisfactory time for this Chapter. We have never had to hold a pledge over from one term to the other on account of low grades—if he is a Sigma Phi Epsilon, he will attend to his duties without rules. Of course, there are always others to be initiated after the second semester begins. The initiation is always divided between two



nights. On the first night the neophyte is assured that he ought to be ashamed of himself for daring to exist, and this prepares his mind to receive the ritual on the second night, solemn and binding as it is.

Colorado Beta occupies one of the nicest houses in University Park and it is the scene of many gay parties. Hallowe'en is always celebrated with a spooky entertainment for our friends. And we hold open house whenever any special student activity is going on, as for instance on High School night, the Annual Bonfire, Y. M. C. A. Smoker, et cetera. In the matter of dances we are forced to exercise no little tact, for Denver University is a Methodist institution although not more than thirty per cent of the students are Methodists. Consequently, fraternity dances are usually given as invitation affairs by some of the alumni. We plan each year to join with Colorado Alpha in giving "the Formal" at one of the large Denver hotels.

The reports that come from Nebraska Alpha of their "Mother's Day" in the spring have made a hit with this Chapter and a similar day or two is being planned for Colorado Beta.

Chancellor Buchtel revived an old custom which originated at DePauw about fifty years ago. He calls the occasion "Adam and Eve's Memorial," and judging by the enthusiasm shown this fall, the occasion will certainly become a custom to be enjoyed. On that day, the chapel exercises are chiefly in the nature of an apple feed and songfest. The faculty provides the apples, and between bites, the cheer leaders train our voices on college songs and yells. We would be interested to know whether the day is still observed at DePauw.

Hoping this may be interesting to the brothers, I am  
Fraternally,

GEORGE W. ATKINSON, JR., *Colorado Beta*, '16.

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## INHERENT PRINCIPLES IN SUCCESS

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In this pressing and trying time of turmoil, when war and rumors of war are so monopolizing our thoughts, all of us naturally revert to the times of strife within our own country. All of us, consciously or otherwise chose the man who in our minds was the greatest general and our thoughts were due largely in knowing who put forth the strongest efforts, who had the greatest character, who performed the greatest deeds of heroism and who had the courage. No doubt as we read the thrilling ac-



counts of this great war between the North and the South, Grant was chosen by many of us as the one man whose works were untiring, which fact gave him a place in our minds which he now occupies. Others believe Sherman to have performed greater work than anyone else for the cause which he espoused and therefore he has won everlasting fame and glory. However these heroes, as they are sometimes termed, could not occupy that immortal place had it not been for their achievements and their success. Germany, in the present crisis, will be heralded and the Kaiser will be called the "King of Kings" should Germany be victorious; should Germany be defeated multitudes will exclaim "She should have known better" and nations will record the downfall of once a mighty nation. It is therefore obvious that nations and individuals alike are judged by their success.

In pondering over the past there flashes before us a sort of summary of our nation's achievements. When this country was being settled, lakes, mountain ranges, and deserts were present that could not be crossed. These were indeed barriers which had their effects. They herded men into groups; each group was inbred and "homogenized." Then one day a chap lit upon the steam engine and a spontaneous command came forth which said—"Stand back oceans, mountains and deserts" and they did stand back, for their lonely spell was broken. Cities too, when they were first builded had barriers, for huge walls were erected about them which served as the city limits. Our modern city of today has "limits" which divide it from the country. Farming in those earlier days was rude and the people grew up in loneliness which resembled that of their cattle. Today we see no such loneliness and drudgery on the farms, for the city limits have all vanished and the city has moved out to the farm and the farm has nestled close down to the city. What does all this mean? It means that the Art of Farming has begun and that the solitary confinement at hard labor of the farmers has been done away with and that success has crowned the efforts of mankind. These facts of history are not measured by years but by the degrees of the clarifying general human mind. Our government was started in 1776 about 5000 years after the dawn of records. One hundred and thirty-seven years have elapsed since then but the spread of enlightenment and success of these 137 years make the previous 5000 years seem like a long standstill.

"Success" as Webster defines it "is the attainment of a proposed object; the favorable or prosperous termination of anything attempted." It is obviously necessary for the man who desires to succeed to make a definite choice of an object for

which to strive. This object may be of a general nature. Many desire to have wealth, or merely comfort, skill in trade, or happiness, without any special aim. Others have very definite aims to become chief engineers, corporation lawyers or any other thing and those that carry that special aim with them are the ones who usually succeed.

The writer being engaged in the canning business believes that Success comes in "Cans" and not in "Can'ts". The "Cans" however must be filled with determination, reasoning and judgment, be it in the student's life, in the professional world, in business or anywhere you may choose. The much talked of "Luck" plays but a small part in the winning of the great game of Life. "There is no such thing as luck" says P. T. Barnum. "There never was a man who could go out in the morning and pick up a purse full of gold today, another tomorrow, and so on day after day. He may do so once in his life, but so far as mere luck is concerned, he is as liable to loose as to find it. 'Like causes produce like effects.' If a man adopts the proper methods to be successful 'luck' will not prevent him. If he does not succeed, there are reasons for his failure, though he may not be able to see them." Yale University has brought forth a new way to spell the word Luck. The students have been taught to spell it "P-Luck" and this reformed spelling of this word is no doubt responsible, at least in part, for the success of the many men that Yale turns out annually. James A. Garfield once said "A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck" and Emerson remarked "Shallow men believe in luck; strong men believe in cause and effect".

Now what are the essentials to Success? In answering this inquiry we must deal with three factors, the first of which is character. Everywhere in the business world organizations are springing up to advance the welfare of business. These associations are trying to elevate commercial life and to instill principles of honor and truth in the business world. Who are the men that stand at the head of these organizations? They are men of character who stand for the most modern and progressive business ideas. The business world today asks what a man is and what he is capable of doing; whether he is honest and industrious; whether he is a good executive and whether he has good business judgment. George Eliot says "Character is the result of reiterated choice between good and evil" and Dean Stanley says "Every position in life, great or small, can be made as great or little as we desire to make it". Character then can be cultivated and knowing that it is the first essential to



success, let us consider the second essential—that of enterprise.

Casually looking at the word "Enterprise" we do not think that it plays much of a part in the realm of success, but, nevertheless it is one of the great principles which must be dominating in mankind in order to win. Every great and successful man today owes his success to enterprise manifested in one direction or another. We have all heard the stories of the many office boys who later rose to be managers of large concerns; we have heard of "Paddies on the Railroads" becoming big railway magnates, renowned the world over for their business integrity. But what was the qualification that they possessed which made them renowned and famous? Simply Enterprise, which consisted in nothing more than ambition and willingness to stick to their work regardless of what recompense they were receiving or how humble their occupation happened to be. Andrew Carnegie once remarked, "The rising man must do something exceptional and must attract attention. His employer must find that he has not got a hireling in his service, but one who devotes his spare time and thought to the business." Then in conclusion Mr. Carnegie says, "Here is the prime condition of success: Concentrate your energy, thought and capital exclusively upon the business in which you are engaged". In connection with these suggestions there must also be Earnestness and Enthusiasm. There must be devotion in everything be it in whatever path of life that one can choose, for "Indifference never wrote great works" said Emerson, "nor thought out striking inventions, nor reared solemn architecture that awes the soul, nor breathed sublime music, nor painted glorious pictures, nor undertook heroic philanthropies—all of these grandeurs are born of enthusiasm and are done heartily". Emerson, in his clear, concise way, has summed it all up for us and has shown that Earnestness and Enthusiasm are vitally necessary and that they make intellect.

Education, the third essential to success has been defined in innumerable ways but sifting down all these definitions we believe that in the final analysis it resolves itself into nothing more than common sense that has been organized. There are people everywhere who advocate that a technical education is utterly unnecessary in order to be successful in any of the various vocations in life. Many of these people also boast of the fact that they are self-made and that they learned in the school of hard knocks. Just take a look at them and in most of the instances you will find that a self-made man usually admires and worships his creator. Who then is the successful man? Is it he who has had no technical

training or is it he who has had nothing but technical education? It is neither. The practical man of today is not the one who has bent over a book constantly, neither has he been practicing before he received his book knowledge. He has mixed them together in equal proportions and thus he has received both the theoretical and practical sides of his work. This mixture has made many men successful and has raised them from the plane of being "hewers of wood and drawers of water" to the heights of business managers, engineers and a score of other responsible positions. Many of these men of high repute never had the opportunity of attending a college or a university, but by means, possibly more laborious, they received their technical education and later, when the time presented itself for practical work, the study of theory was still kept up. Education, taken in its fullest meaning, still is nothing more than a visionary dream if the individual or group of individuals lacks initiative. It was this initiative that raised Mr. Toucey from brakeman to general manager of the New York Central Railroad; it is this initiative that causes Germany to fight so stubbornly; and it was this same initiative that caused Grant to be successful in his struggles and it was this inbred principle in Sherman which caused him to make his historic march "from Atlanta to the Sea." Education, then, the third requisite to success, is a most potent factor for it multiplies the chances of success. We are told that in comparing ten thousand uneducated men with forty educated men, two men rise to "eminence and usefulness"—one from the ten thousand uneducated, the other from the forty educated. This statement in itself should be a great argument for education. These features, namely Character, Enterprise and Education are the predominating elements which must be ever present in order to be a success.

What are the characteristics of a successful fraternity? The first characteristic must be Character for without it it would be a dismal failure. Second it must have Enterprise backed up with Earnestness and Enthusiasm and third, it must have an Education in fraternity matters. This education must be composed partly of theory and partly of practical work and having mixed them harmoniously together, initiative must not be lacking. Let us then, as individuals and as a fraternity use these factors as a shield of defense against impending perils of the future so that there may be no crushing and starving horrors of the past and that our journey through life may be more pleasant and profitable.

Faternally,

A. F. NUETZMAN, *Iowa Alpha.*



### A COINCIDENCE

One day last year while reading "Cartoons" magazine I ran across a cartoon, taken from the Michigan Gargoyle with the signature "HONEY" at the bottom. This naturally attracted my attention for there was a coincidence connected with it.



I, myself, a student at Randolph-Macon College had in an humble way tried to draw a few cartoons and I nearly always used the signature "HONEY." Was it possible that there were two men, both college students, in opposite directions of the country who were using practically the same signature? And while I went from day to day asking myself that question I saw at different times and in different magazines more work signed "HONEY."

Later while reading the Journal I was agreeably surprised to find that "HONEY" was no other than our own A. D. Honey



(Michigan Alpha). This naturally added interest to the affair and I immediately wrote to Brother Honey telling him about the coincidence. He replied enclosing a caricature of himself, which together with one of myself I am sending to the Journal, and is herewith run with this article.

W. P. HUNNICUTT, *Va. Zeta.*

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### FOR BROTHERS ATTENDING THE FAIR

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Inasmuch as the Grand Chapter saw fit not to grant a Conclave in the Exposition City this year, it is felt that something should still be done to bring together the many brothers



of Sigma Phi Epsilon who are sure to visit San Francisco this year.

To that end a committee has been appointed and a Sigma Phi Epsilon week has been selected during which it is hoped that as many as can possibly do so will arrange to meet in San Francisco. After carefully taking everything in consideration the period beginning August 27th and ending September 5th has been set aside as Sigma Phi Epsilon week. Those who are coming should send their names and addresses to C. H. Jensen, 2812 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, and should carefully state the events in which they intend to participate. Also state when you are coming and hotel reservations will be made if you so desire.

You are all, in reality, coming to see California's Great Fair so why not start matters rightly by spending a few pleasurable hours there? Therefore it is the wish that all brothers meet at the Exposition Grounds, at 2:30 on the afternoon of August 27th. Let us show our loyalty and admiration for the Golden State by meeting at the entrance to the California Building; from there we may see what the great State has to show within its Building. During the course of the afternoon and evening places of greatest interest may be visited and conclude the expedition by journeying through the Garden of white lights, the amusement section at this exposition called the "Zone."

On the next evening, the last Saturday night in August all of the brothers from far and near are to gather round the festive board at one of San Francisco's best Cafes. A Saturday in San Francisco is exactly what it has the name of being and surely nothing could be more enjoyable than a banquet amid the holiday crowds and in an atmosphere as only San Francisco can furnish. Besides there is no place where the real get-together-spirit can be obtained as at a banquet. Any one wishing to make reservations will kindly send \$2.00 to Bro. C. H. Jensen, 2812 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley.

In order that our visitors may really see the size and the beauty of San Francisco Bay and the famous Golden Gate, a steamer ride has been planned for Sunday the 29th of August. There are many places of interest such as the San Francisco water front, U. S. Prison on Alcatraz Island, U. S. Naval Training Station and many places of natural beauty on the Marin County shores. A day on the Bay is always a day well spent.

We wish to conclude the events of that week end by having

all of the alumni of the local chapter and visiting brothers meet with us at our chapter house at 1711 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. It is there that we may really become acquainted and exchange ideas that will be of value to all of us. We therefore wish that everyone possible will join with us in a Stag dinner and meeting on that Monday evening.

On Friday night, September 3rd, there will be a reception and formal dance at the Chapter House. The next day, September 4th, we will sojourn up Mt. Tamalpais to West Point Inn either on foot or on the "crookedest railroad in the world." Here we will take dinner and spend the night. After breakfast those who want to can take the train to Muir Woods; others may want to tramp it and still others may want to tramp in another direction. This week-end party will end the festivities. The cost of this trip is only nominal. If you take the train it will cost about five dollars and if you tramp, only about three and a half. It is absolutely necessary to send your name in not later than August 21st if you want to attend the banquet or the Tamalpais trip, as reservations have to be made in advance for these events.

We of California Alpha heartily invite you all to come and participate in this week's festivities. We do not flatter ourselves that this program will prove a drawing card; the Exposition must do that, but we want you to know that we have at least planned to help entertain you while you are here, to the end that we may all get better acquainted and be thus drawn closer together in the bonds of Sigma Phi Epsilon. So we urge you if you can do so to make your plans to visit California in the period beginning August 27th and ending September 5th, and we assure you that you will not go home disappointed. After reading all the splendid things that have been said about the fair, come and see it for yourself, and you will realize how inadequate words are to express the wonders of this, the greatest fair of all time.

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## CUSTOMS AND IDEALS OF IOWA ALPHA

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Although our fraternity is still in its youthful bloom, our three years of relation with  $\Sigma \Phi E$  has been one of steady and rapid progress. We have established certain unwritten laws, yearly customs, ideals and aspirations which we strive to carry out during the year.



It is certainly a happy time when after the summer vacation, brother meets brother again. Everybody wears the smile that won't come off and the chapter house is the scene of a jolly good time. The opening week is not wasted however for it is our duty to meet the trains and welcome our student friends and incidentally get acquainted with all of the new fellows.

To start the social whirl we hold an informal party to which the rushees and our new and old-time lady friends are invited. This is the scene of a jolly good time and midst the strains of instrumental orchestra, and vocal music everybody proceeds to get acquainted.

Nearly every evening before retiring, in the first week or so, we have a pajama parade to the dining room to have a little feed given by some of the "flush" and good hearted brethren. There the rushees are impressed with the good fellowship that exists. Our alumni are a good live bunch and many help us during this busy season.

There are no Pan-hellenic rules in regard to pledging so after we have found the type of a man we want, the invitation is extended and the pledge button is put on.

One of our strong ideals is scholarship and this we impress upon the new men. To acquaint them with our ideals and their responsibility as a pledge they are called to meet with the brothers and an impressive lecture is given by an alumnus and suggestions from upper classmen. We have found this very good and everybody knuckles down to hard work. Scholarship is not the only thing however for every activity in school is well represented by Sigma Phi Epsilon. In football there were seven "Sig Ep" letter men, the college glee club eleven out of sixteen, the band five, in basket ball the captaincy and four varsity men, also three men and captaincy of the Freshmen team. We have always been very strong in oratory and debate. "Sig Eps" have won the State twice in succession with one-fourth at the Interstate. This year Brother Bloomquist placed in the divisional and will represent Wesleyan at the State Contest. Three debaters out of six are on the college team. The freshmen tryout has not yet been held but three of our new men will battle for honors. In baseball we will be represented by four or five men; in tennis we have two old team men and several other aspirants. We have three class presidents and Brother Hayes is president of the Y. M. C. A. Brother Newell is editor of the college paper, which is the most bitterly contended of all offices. Thus every activity is represented, even Hershy Hall,

the ladies dormitory, receives a share of our time. Thus we enter into every activity and we want our men to be all around college fellows. Every man tries different things even though he make failures and this is the secret of our success.

With all of this busy time the social side is not neglected. One of the most successful functions is a Hallowe'en masquerade given by the pledges. The attic of the chapter house is decorated with beautiful leaves, pumpkins and corn fodder in the true spirit of Autumn. Everybody has a good time and we have established it as one of our yearly customs. The pledges are pleased with the responsibility and the confidence which we place in them and they do everything in their power to make it a success. Every month we have a stag banquet with an informal toast program, to which the fraternity members, alumni and pledges are invited and usually a faculty member. This we could not dispense with and surely promotes good fellowship, loyalty and true "Sig Ep" spirit. Numerous little parties are held throughout the year but the one big occasion is the formal banquet which we have about the middle of February in observance of our installation. This is indeed an elaborate affair and surely adds prestige. Then we always have a mighty fine time.

Initiation is usually held in November and April. The initiates are placed under orders for a week and many varied restrictions and duties are given them. Dates are usually cut out during this time and communications of any kind are strictly forbidden. They are not allowed to speak to the fraters unless spoken to, whereupon they reply with a little speech or song. During the period of our last initiation one day at dinner one of the candidates was requested to pass the cream. He broke out into melodious song as follows:

"Oh Friends, Romans, Countrymen!

Lend me your ears;

For my cow has wandered from the lot,  
And strayed among the daisies."

Fraternally,

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ALUMNI BANQUET, D. OF C. ALPHA

## STUDENT SELF-GOVERNMENT: AS EXEMPLIFIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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"Among many students and at many institutions of learning, an unfortunate misconception of true college spirit has prevailed. Too much emphasis has been laid upon outward things; some students, if their conduct be a true criterion, would conceive of college spirit as consisting in rushes and a spirit of boisterousness on public occasions and the wholesale pilfering of tableware from cafes; other students of a more responsible character, would consider as true evidence of college spirit, the yells and enthusiasm which are necessary parts of football games and track meets. But to the man of healthier judgment one who is a recognized leader in the various student activities and the one who is an authority in the student councils, the first or second views just mentioned would be hardly acceptable. He would probably consider the rushes as forms of college barbarism and the college yells as a healthy expression rather than the college spirit itself. Then he would put into two words, his own conception of college spirit as unselfish service—unselfish service to his Alma Mater, the doing of everything in his power to advance her welfare and the leaving undone of those things, however innocent, which might tend to mar her good name."

The leaders, if not the general student bodies, in our higher institutions of learning are fast realizing that in their keeping is the honor of the University, and the charge is too sacred a one to be lightly disregarded. At the University of California, recent years have witnessed a growth in the sense of responsibility amongst the student body. There has been prevalent the conception that the rushes of former days are traditions to be silently laid away and to be supplanted by a finer love for the University and a truer determination to keep her name unsullied. Out of this conception has grown the only natural result—a steady, consistent advance in student self-control and following immediately in its wake, student self-government. Once the students gave ample notice to the faculty that they were ready to serve the higher interests of the University and showed actual capacity to administrate within themselves, the reins of government were readily handed over to them.

With the establishment of a student opinion effected first through the medium of the senior honor society, the Golden Bear, and other organizations of a similar nature, the movement for student control first became active through the operation of a system known as "senior control" meaning that the senior men



felt responsible in great measure for the right conduct of the three lower classes, acting as a sort of a brake against hasty and irresponsible acts of the other undergraduates. Precedent has now made senior control a permanency and to accomplish a definite course of supervision, matters pertaining to the University welfare are discussed and voted upon at "Senior Singing," a weekly assemblage of exclusively senior men. At the first of the term, a leader of Senior Singing is elected who starts the songs and acts as an informal leader. Between the songs, different student problems are taken up for serious consideration and after full discussion from all points of view, a definite course of action is decided upon. A plan has been inaugurated of holding a senior banquet at the end of each term to which the President of the University and other members of the faculty are invited at which the term's progress is rehearsed and the custody of Senior Hall, a large hall erected entirely of redwood logs and equipped with furniture in keeping, is passed over to the succeeding class. Through the combined agency of these senior meetings and informal gatherings in Senior Hall at any hour of the day, the senior men have cultivated an advanced student opinion and have been thus enabled to act as leaders to the other three classes.

Though not recently employed to any great extent but formerly a distinctive agency for the expression of student opinion, the student mass meeting has done much for the undergraduate body at large. It is a meeting called by the President of the Associated Student Body, open to all students in the University and largely attended. At this meeting are freely discussed from the floor, matters of student procedure and policy. Such questions as to suitable student hours, suspensions of students for infraction of college discipline, intercollegiate agreements are typical of the problems settled in these large mass meetings. These mass meetings have been recently supplanted by gatherings of the Associated Student Body which is now the dominant and controlling factor of the campus. Under the jurisdiction of this organization, represented through an executive committee selected annually, are all the student activities, athletics, papers and magazines, and the Associated Students bookstore where books, athletic supplies, stationery, and other articles are sold to the students at a minimum cost. The executive committee also exercises supervision over all student publications and ratifies all student social functions. In the latter capacity, the Executive Committee at the beginning of each term approves a list of events submitted by the different student organizations and all such

functions must be sanctioned before they can be held. Under this head is included dates for dances, theatricals, athletic contests and other student activities. The Executive Committee is composed of a president, vice-president, secretary, graduate-manager of student activities acting in the capacity of treasurer, and representatives from the alumni, faculty and athletic branches.

The President of the Associated Students has the power of appointment of various committees which act in the same capacity as committees in our Houses of Congress. The Rally committee has charge of student rallies and assemblages; the Intercollegiate Agreement committee controls and settles all questions relative to student athletic relations with other colleges; the Dormitory committee collects and administers the funds for the construction of student dormitories; the Debating committee controls campus and intercollegiate debates and forensics.

Last but not least are the Students Welfare committee and the Undergraduate Students Affairs committee which are in reality the last word in the student control and management of its own affairs. Of the latter much can be said. This committee is composed of five members, all seniors, and appointed annually; the president of the Associated Student acting as an *ex officio* chairman. The aim is to select representative men of ability, good sense, and sound judgment who can be relied upon to render impartial judgment on questions concerning their fellow-students. It is the function of this committee to summon before it, students accused of infractions of well-recognized rules of the university; to examine them carefully and thoroughly; to hear their own statement of the case and to compare any testimony of other witnesses; to collect and weigh all evidence pertinent to the case and formally to make recommendations bearing thereon to the President of the University. It is sufficient testimony to the wisdom and good sense characterizing these recommendations that everyone of them has been received and acted upon promptly by the University authorities. It is also worthy of comment to note here that the Faculty committee on Student Affairs is practically a dead letter and has not met formally in the last seven years.

It is not a pleasant thing for the faculty to wield the big stick; it much prefers that a serious minded group of students should look out after the maintenance of peace and order in the undergraduate body. A man feels more keenly a punishment inflicted by a body of his fellow students whom he regards as his equals rather than judgment pronounced by an austere faculty



committee whose punishments he is liable to consider only in the spirit of bravado and heroism. And so, the Student's Committee while having no official recognition on the books of the University, is yet doing a great work and doing it well. It has covered in its jurisdiction, cases of cheating, mismanagement of student finances, infractions of college regulations and in all, its decisions have been received by the students as a fair dispensation of justice and punishment to the parties concerned.

Student control has meant much for the University of California; it is certainly destined to mean more. It has developed within the student body all those problems and conceptions which are the necessary foundations of our national institutions; it has literally taught each student to stand on his own feet. And to the present classes, has descended from the founders of these institutions of student self-government, a spirit of unselfish service, of devotion to the University, standing for what is good and true. The trust of self-government has yet to be violated. The writer is indebted to an article written by Farnum P. Griffiths  $\Phi \Sigma K$  for suggestions and excerpts.

Fraternally,  
R. L. FLANNERY, *California Alpha*, '09.



PENN. STATE AUDITORIUM



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**FACULTIES AND FRATERNITIES**

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EDWIN ERLE SPARKS

*President of the Pennsylvania State College*

No feature connected with modern Greek letter fraternities is more striking than the changed attitude of the average college administration toward them. Thirty years ago, the faculty generally regarded them with suspicion—perhaps not without cause; they were suspected of harboring and fostering the worst parts of college life, and their solidarity was a manifest nucleus for disorder. One of my college disillusionments was caused by finding certain revered members of the faculty crouched in the shadow of a pile of boxes on the outer pavement watching the lodge room of a fraternity across the street. The godlike “professors” suddenly dwindled in their proportions to men and men of rather small size.

The present attitude of college administration in general is to regard fraternities as potential agencies making for better scholarship, higher ideals and as exemplars of improved stand-



ards. Their solidarity becomes an agency for building up student sentiment in desired directions. Many deans and presidents work through the fraternities in carrying forward reforms desired in self-government, or, more properly, co-operative government. If a lad is delinquent in scholarship or habits, a dean usually inquires first whether he is a fraternity man and, if so, urges his fraternity to discipline him. Cups or other prizes to be awarded semester by semester to the fraternity having the highest scholastic standing are by no means uncommon among colleges.

The general officers of many of the leading fraternities have aided in this change of fraternity function and have thus contributed toward a changed attitude of the faculty. Records of the scholastic standing of the members of every chapter are kept by many fraternities, whilst others send inspectors at regular intervals to their several chapters.

In short, a few years have seen the college fraternity idea shifted from a purely social basis to one which is both social and scholastic. In some cases, it also includes social service in working for the best interests of the college as a whole and for the student body as a whole. Within the same period, college administrators have come to see in the fraternity a potent agency for good or for evil; an agency for evil if regarded as an outlaw, but a most useful servant if placed on a footing with the other college organizations and properly recognized and influenced. I cannot see why the fraternity should not be made as legitimate and useful a member of the college body politic as the Christian Association.



PENN. STATE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

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### HISTORY OF SIGMA TAU FRATERNITY

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The idea for the organization of a local fraternity was first conceived in the spring of 1911 and the brothers interested secured a rooming house and as the crowd grew each man suggested other men as congenial roomers of the proper character, no definite organization having then been formed.

When school opened in September, 1911, there were 18 men in the house and in a short time arrangements were made for



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PENNSYLVANIA ETA CHAPTER HOUSE

renting the floor above and a clubroom was then made a part of the loose organization. As everything seemed to be progressing nicely a meeting of all the men in the house was called on October 24, 1911 at which time the possibility and advisability of organizing a local fraternity was discussed. Officers were elected and a committee on By-laws was appointed in order to carry out the plan in a business-like manner.

Faculty permission was obtained and in November, 1911, a pledge was taken as a body forming a local fraternity and it was publicly announced. The local grew rapidly and became a prominent factor in the college. The motto unwritten "The man before his money, social attainments and athletic ability" has proved beneficial to the local. The year was concluded by moving into a new home.

At the opening of the new year 1912-13 the first thing considered was a national fraternity and Sigma Phi Epsilon was the first discussed. During the entire year the matter was still under consideration, and in the fall twenty men returned and the fraternity was continually strengthened. On April 24, 1914, it was definitely decided that a petition should be sent to Sigma Phi Epsilon and in the fall of the next school year definite steps were taken to take up matters of a petition and during the year we were visited by Grand Secretary Phillips and other members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and later the charter was granted and all of the members of the chapter were glad to know that they had been successful in the securing of the charter.



PENNSYLVANIA ETA DINING ROOM

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### INSTALLATION OF PENNSYLVANA ETA

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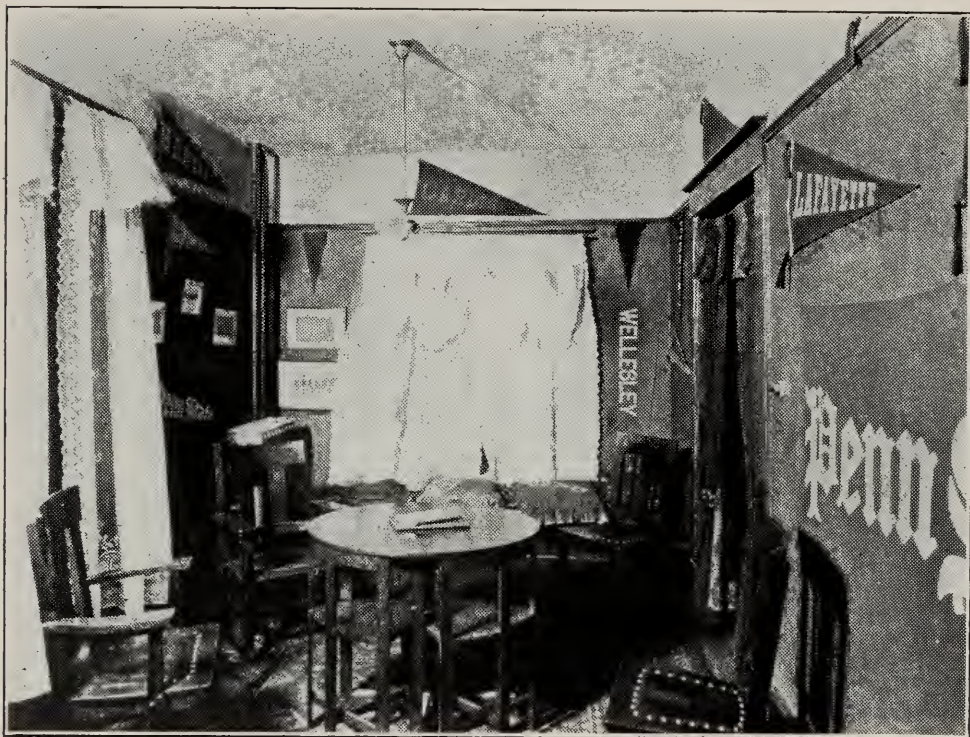
On Saturday, May the 8th, Sigma Tau Local of Pennsylvania State College became Pennsylvania Eta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The installing committee consisted of Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips and Brothers C. Such, A. Littleton, and M. C. Reed of Pennsylvania Delta, F. H. Buck and S. R. M Thomson of Delaware Alpha, I. S. Isenberg of Michigan Alpha, L. R. Mollenauer of Ohio Alpha. Brothers Dr. W. C. Hensyl, Dr. C. M. Thomas and Dr. W. Barr of Pennsylvania Beta were also at the installation.

The initiates were:

Roy Alfred Stoner, E.E., 15, Hellam, Pa.  
George Edgar Anne, B.S. in M.E., '12, Lancaster, Pa.  
Lynn Robert Daugherty, Agr., '14, State College, Pa.  
Norris Harlan Slack, B.S. in M.E., '14, Westchester, Pa.  
Gail Dean McDowell, Forestry, '14, Altoona, Pa.  
Robert Walter Good, Mining, '15, Philadelphia, Pa.



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Alfred Wentz Moyer, Jr., Architecture, '16, Lancaster, Pa.

Matthew Wilson Black, Lib. Arts, '15, Altoona, Pa.

John Edward Cummins, E.E., '15, Kennett Square, Pa.



INSTALLING COMMITTEE PA. ETA INSTALLATION

Louis Trinkle Michener, C.E., '15, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 George Lloyd Reinert, C.E., '15, Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Arthur Holden McFadden, C.E., '17, Westchester, Pa.  
 Albert Fisher Weber, E.E., '16, Carlisle, Pa.  
 Howard Jones Williams, Agr., '16, Plymouth, Pa.  
 Palmer Scott Mock, E.E., '16, Roaring Springs, Pa.  
 Joseph Morris Jackson, M.E., '16, Kennett Square, Pa.  
 Fred Alvin Good, Agr., '16, Eldorado, Pa.  
 William Elwood Rogers, L.G., '16, Connelssville, Pa.  
 Harry William Crumbaugh, Agr., '17, Kennett Square,  
 Pa.  
 Horace William Ruth, M.E., '17, Kennett Square, Pa.  
 Charles Madison Shank, M.E., '17, Ellsworth, Pa.  
 Arthur Clegg Bright, Electro-Chem., '18, Mt. Airy, Pa.  
 Jesse Knight Johnson, C.E., '18, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Roscoe Spurgeon Shultz, Agr., '18, Altoona, Pa.  
 Clarence Eric Peterson, Electro-Chem., '18, Hartford,  
 Conn.  
 Howard Arthur Tucker, Mining, '18, Jersey City, N. J.  
 James Stanton Cozzens, Agr., '18, East Orange, N. J.

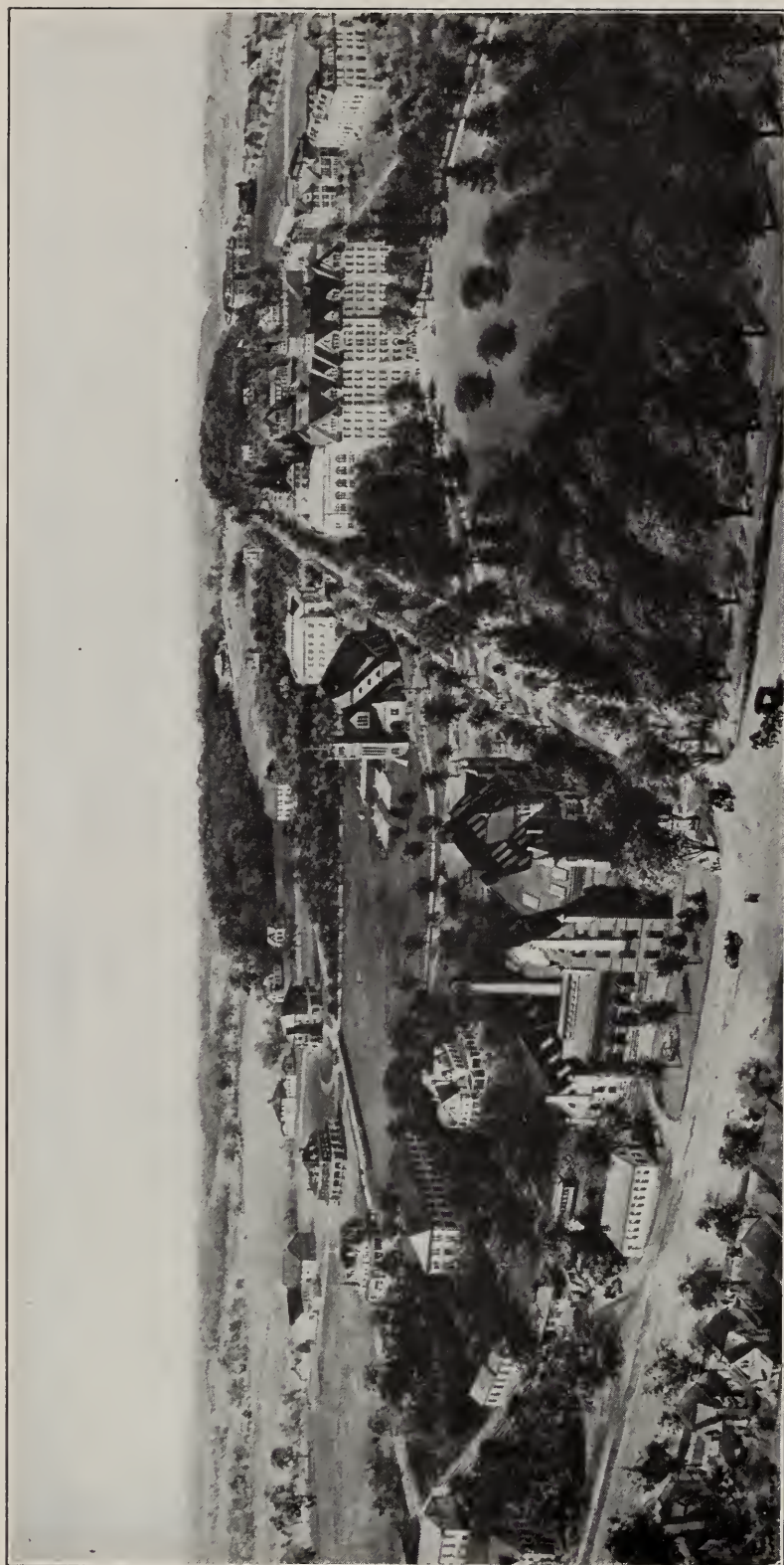
In the evening all the new and old "Sigs" went to the Bush House at Bellefonte, Pa., where a formal banquet was held.

The Menu follows:

	Little Neck Clams	
Olives	Iced Cucumbers	Celery
	Cream of Asparagus	
	Susquehanna Roe	Shad au Cress
Radishes		Potato Croquettes
	Broiled Spring Chicken	
New Potatoes en Cream		
	Cold Slaw	New Green Peas
	Sweetbreads	
	New Tomatoes Stuffed,	Mayonnaise
	Benedictine	Punch
Neapolitan Ice Cream		
	Strawberries,	Whipped Cream
Fancy Cake		Milo Biscuits
	Roquefort Cheese	
Fruits		Nuts
	Coffee	
Cigars		Cigarettes

After the several courses had been completed, Prof. J. O. Kammerman, as toastmaster introduced four speakers. The first,





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## FLAG RAISING PA. ETA INSTALLATION

Brother R. A. Stoner spoke on "Goodbye Sigma Tau." Brother G. Reinert spoke on "Greetings, New Brothers" and Brother W. L. Phillips gave his usual advice to the new brothers starting on their way. Brother M. W. Black then spoke on "Characteristics" and this was followed by several inpromptu speeches.

All adjourned happy that they were members of Sigma Phi Epsilon.



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# EXCHANGES

J. R. CURL, *Department Editor*

*The Signet* of  $\Phi \Sigma K$  prints in full the address of President Charles S. Howe, a member of  $\Phi \Sigma K$ , before the Convention of Z B T, on "The Relation of the College Fraternity to the College." The address covers the subject in a way which is very friendly to the fraternities, and we quote the closing paragraphs, which summarize the address, as follows:

What should be the attitude of the college fraternity toward the college? This is the most important question which can arise in regard to fraternities. Are these organizations mere social affairs; mere boarding houses, mere clubs? If they are, then they have nothing to do with the educational life of the college, and they should not be supervised by the college except in so far as to see that immoral conditions do not exist and that the students are not prevented from doing their legitimate college work. I have never been able, however, to believe that such is the condition. In my opinion fraternities should have a higher object than this. I believe that they should foster scholarship, intellectual culture, the reputation of the college; that they should be agencies for building up the institution along legitimate lines, and not agencies for dragging it down in any respect. If this is the true view, then societies should not initiate any men who are not passing in their college work. I do not mean to say that they should limit their membership to those standing highest in the classes, but that they should not admit any man in an educational institution who is not there for the purpose of getting an education.

Second, one of their principal aims should be to foster the academic life of the college, to assist their members in doing the intellectual work required, thoroughly and well; they should be ashamed when any member of their fraternity fails to pass or is sent out of college on account of poor scholarship. I would go further and say that if a fraternity man is conditioned in a certain number of subjects, he should not be allowed to live in a fraternity house; if he is conditioned in a certain larger number of subjects, he should not be permitted to use the fraternity house; and that when it is evident that he cannot maintain his place in the institution, the fraternity should be the first to urge him to go. I believe also that the fraternities should take an active interest in every moral question that comes up. They sometimes do that now, for they attempt to shield their members who do wrong, instead of condemning them. For instance, if there is a man who does not pay his bills, the fraternity not only does not openly condemn him but frequently protects him in every possible way. The fraternities should stand for the moral welfare of the college.



The future of the fraternities in our colleges will depend very much upon themselves. If they become supporters of upright college government, of student scholarship, of righteousness, of sound learning, of good citizenship, then they will be such factors for good that they cannot be abolished. If, on the other hand, they continue to be as they are in so many cases, mere social bodies whose only object is to furnish good times for their members, their influence will steadily wane, and in many institutions they will be abolished by state legislatures or by faculty or trustee decree. I earnestly hope they are going to follow the former course, and I believe they will.

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What a gratifying change it is to see in the daily press an item like the following from *The New York Post*—which has come to our attention through the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*—instead of a first-page, two column article, with glaring headlines, heralding to the world the escapade of some misguided member of a fraternity:

Berkley, Cal., October 24.—A goodly share of the credit for the improvement in scholarship which has been going on among the undergraduate students of the University of California is due to the fraternities and house clubs, according to the annual report of Oliver Miles Washburn, dean of the lower division. "I believe the time is not far distant," he says, "when we shall recognize the fraternity as a formal unit in our administrative system, when each such organization will be charged with such matters as the supervision of study lists of its own members and pledges, and when action in such matters as the adding and dropping of courses and even in discipline will be referred to the organization concerned."

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We once heard a member of our fraternity, in speaking of rushing experiences at a college where we compete with a number of old, long established fraternities, say that he had found the youth of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  a point in our favor rather than one against us. We were much impressed by this statement at the time, and the statement was recalled to mind upon our reading the following in the *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*:

The youth of our fraternity gives us something to work for, something to attain. Ours is the glorious privilege of building and of seeing that which we build grow more perfect both to outward and inward appearance, day by day. The results of our labor are not always going to be just what we had hoped and planned that they should be. For this, we are going to be all the stronger. Service is the key-note of life; and is our fraternity not a fitting channel for the expression of our services? It is, oh, so inspiring to know that you have something tangible to work for which dominates your every effort; something for which you are putting forward the best fibre of your strength.

We are indebted to *The Tomahawk* of A Σ Φ for the following editorial. Are you heeding the idea therein expressed? If not, remember Σ Φ Ε expects it of you, for her honor and prestige are in your keeping. Therefore, be faithful!

As Ye Sow So Shall Ye Also Reap.—Do not forget the truth of this old adage. When you are tempted to go to some entertainment and your lessons for the morrow are still unfinished, remember that you owe a duty to your Fraternity to control your impulse and go to work. Fraternity men ought to be ashamed to stand lower as an average than men outside the circle. Why? Because they are first of all a carefully picked body of men. They have been chosen for their qualities of head and heart to be associated with others in the society. This ought to be looked upon as a great privilege, and the acceptance of the honor as a trust on the part of the member in which the Fraternity has a right to expect high grades in college work, courteous and gentlemanly treatment to those outside the society to counteract the charge of snobbery so often unjustly made against fraternity men, and a general interest in the big things of college life that will make you, my fraternity brother, a real asset in your college world. Therefore divide your time for pleasure and work in proper proportion and sow good efforts that you may reap high grades in scholastic attainments and real fellowship among men, and by your efforts as individuals shed concerted lustre and glory upon your Fraternity and your college. Neither the Fraternity nor the college can shed lustre upon you unless you appreciate the advantages they offer. This is the time for sowing. Take off your coat and go to work.

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A good suggestion for your chapter meeting from *The Record* of Σ A Ε. Although our fraternity's publications are not numerous, as are some of our contemporaries, there could be added for study and discussion *Banta's Greek Exchange*, *Baird's Manual of College Fraternities*, and bulletins of the College Fraternity Reference Bureau.

The suggestion has been made, and we believe it a splendid one, that one night in each month be devoted to the study and discussion of the fraternity publications, and that it be known as "Publication Night." We have been more or less skeptical about the value of our publications, but on previous occasions we have had ample proof that our publications are read and appreciated by most of the readers—and for the chapters to earnestly carry out the suggestion made, we believe will not only give the chapter a splendid means of keeping well informed as to fraternity progress and thought, but will be an additional inspiration to those in charge of the publications, to fill their pages with only such matters as will be an aid in making fraternity and college life more pleasant and beneficial.



The following was an editorial in a recent number of *The Shield and Diamond* of  $\Pi K A$ , and it expresses an idea which we heartily commend:

Much is said in fraternity literature about selection, but not so much about nurture. We seem to be squeamish about the quality of the "material", but careless about how it is made up. Still, very fine texture may be ruined by poor tailoring. Best plantings, when not tended, yield disappointingly. The undergraduate fraternity life is a process which cannot be without its effects. The material chosen becomes better or worse by the several years of this process. Now, which? Or how much better? Or how much worse?

Evidently, if the chapter considers itself a means instead of an end a new point of view upon the fraternity situation will be obtained. Also, if we would judge the chapter by the product it turns out rather than by the material it takes in, we would begin to arrive at more accurate judgment of the value of certain chapters in particular and of the worth of the fraternity system in general. Still a more accurate estimate would result if fraternity life could be judged by the difference between the man as he comes in and the man as he goes out. Certainly that system can be trusted that is not afraid to take up manhood in the rough because it works him into a finer and more nearly finished product according to standards social, intellectual and ethical.

But what changes would have to be made in the conduct of our chapters if each set as its task the serious attempt to refine the cruder manhood it receives? Aye, there's the rub!

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We take the following from *The Record* of  $\Sigma A E$ , where it appeared as an editorial under the title "Judging":

Life seems to be one intense struggle for supremacy; to excel, to be greater or richer than one's neighbor. Everyone seems to be struggling for a prize varying with the desires and ambitions of the individual. And since this spirit of rivalry, or competition, is present in nearly every activity of life, it is not strange to find it manifested in college fraternities. Even the colleges strive for reputation and success. And, as a result of this spirit of intense rivalry, it has become the habit of most people to judge from externals rather than from the substantial things within and underneath the surface. That is, the motives and principles prompting action are not given due consideration. How differently individuals would be measured if wealth, social position, and externals were eliminated; if the individual were stripped of all but his thoughts. For after all, one can know another only as one knows the thoughts, desires, motives, and principles which are hidden beneath the surface and are not revealed to the passer-by. And when the world begins to judge individuals as well as institutions, including the college fraternity, from such a basis, a great advance will be made towards eliminating many of the evils of our present day society. The evils associated with the college fraternities are merely the frailties of human nature—just the same as

the shortcomings of the churches are the weaknesses of the individuals who are striving, as best they know how, to exemplify the high ideals of Christianity. Some fail—and others succeed. And so again the comparison may be made with the college fraternity—some fail to live up to the high ideals and standards of true fraternalism while others find it natural and easy to exemplify genuine brotherhood. Thackeray puts it very aptly when in *Henry Esmond* it is said, "'Tis not the dying for a faith that's so hard, Master Harry—'tis the living up to it that is difficult."

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The following is from *The Acacia Journal*:

An influence in organizations that requires constant control and sometimes resistance is that force, inherent in numbers, opposing the free play of the individual. A college fraternity should, on principle, be a most democratic individualistic body, as independent and courageous thought and action should be expected from educated men if from any. It has, on the other hand, many conditions which repress individuality and encourage the typical. It strives, for example, to make itself distinctive and original, and therefore adopts distinctive badges, names, and symbols, which all its members cherish and wish to maintain uniform. Its members are in closer friendship than is found in, perhaps, any other group of more than a few persons, whence it comes that the influence of one strong man, and it is a poor chapter which has not one strong member—is very directly effective. The members are furthermore, of impressionable, imitative age, and above all they are filled with the desire for harmony which is the strength of all institutions. It is generally true that a college fraternity is not individualistic, but is very harmonious and characterized distinctly by uniformity of thought and ideals.

It is clear that as harmony is so essential to a fraternity, uniformity there must be. It is equally clear that in proportion with the increase in size of a chapter of a fraternity and with the increase in the matters in which uniformity is deemed indispensable, the dangers to harmony increase, wherefore it behooves all fraternities and all chapters to see that their ideals and aims and laws are reduced to their lowest terms so that all can distinguish between the essential and non-essential. When the essential, indispensable things are determined upon, uniformity in them can be required, and independence must be consistent with this uniformity. Independence in other things should not endanger harmony, but on the contrary, should be encouraged for the beauty of fraternity consists in its varied developments as much as in the strength of its uniformity and unity.

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## COLLEGIATE

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The University of California, through its extension department, is to inaugurate a night school, with classes in Oakland and San Francisco.



During the past year Northwestern University added new courses to its school of commerce, which is located in its Chicago building. These new courses included advanced sales correspondence, application of statistical methods to business, and cost accounting.

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Pennsylvania State College has recently finished and put in use its fourth large building completed within twelve months—the liberal arts building, at a cost of about \$70,000.

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Every Cornell club, association or other group of university graduates throughout the world will celebrate an "All Cornell Night" on some date this year, according to the decision of representatives of the alumni of the university gathered at the first forum a few weeks ago.

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The University of Cincinnati has several new business courses planned for its college of commerce, designed to give special training for advertising managers, accountants, credit men, traffic managers, and bond salesmen.

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Miss Helen Ricketts has become president of the senior class of the University of Chicago, caused by the departure of Stanwood Baumgartner. This is said to be the first time in the institution's history that a woman has held this honor. We wonder if this is one of the results of woman suffrage in Illinois!

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Beginning next fall Washington and Jefferson College will offer to students a special course designed for preparation for entrance into the business world, and particularly into the big business life of western Pennsylvania. This prospective course has been arranged on the recommendation of the new president of the college, Dr. Frederick W. Hinitt, who declared the college needed to give attention to the preparation of men for business life.

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The board of administrators of Tulane University of Louisiana has recently approved the recommendation of the faculty of the School of Medicine admitting women as candidates for the M.D. degree. For some years past women have been admitted to all the laboratory courses of this school but in the policy of the institution it was considered inadvisable to admit women to the clinical classes until the reorganization, begun in 1908, was completed and in force.

This action on the part of Tulane is in accordance with the practice of a number of medical colleges of the same standing throughout the country, and it means that women in the south may now have the opportunity of attendance at a medical school of the first rank, with exceptional clinical opportunities. The Medical Department of the University of Texas, located at Galveston, has been coeducational many years and we are pleased to hear that Tulane has finally joined the list of *progressive* medical schools in this country.—*The Phi Beta Pi Quarterly*.

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Dr. Henry Noble McCracken has assumed the presidency of Vassar College, coming to the position from an English professorship in Smith College. Dr. John Henry McCracken, fifteen years a member of the faculty of the College of the city of New York, has been elected president of Lafayette College. Both these new presidents are sons of Chancellor Emeritus McCracken, of New York University.—*The Record of Σ A E*.

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The growing demand for trained leaders in the work of religious education has led Brown University to arrange a special two-year course of study designed to meet the needs of those desiring such an education. Persons completing the work required in the course will be given a certificate by the University. The course is intended especially for those who are unable for various reasons to take a full degree course.

Arrangements have also been made so that persons engaged in other occupations for a portion of their time may take a part of the work required each year, completing the entire course in a period longer than two years. Regular students in the university may elect subjects included in the new course, while graduates of approved colleges who desire to specialize in religious education will be received as candidates for advanced degrees.

Practical training in religious and social service will be a regular part of the course of study, through an arrangement made by the university with a number of churches in Providence, the Young Men's Christian Association, Society for Organizing Charity and the Rhode Island Sunday School Association. The course will be designed especially for the training of directors of religious education in churches and allied organizations, lay assistants to pastors, teachers of the Bible and other leaders in religious work.—*Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

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In order to enable students who are fitting themselves primarily to handle the Latin-American trade, three scholarships in



the Spanish language have been established at the Pennsylvania State College. These scholarships were offered by J. G. White of New York as a part of the country-wide movement now in progress to profit by the opening of the Panama Canal and the war in Europe to expand United States trade in South America.—*The Purple, Green and Gold of Δ X A.*

SECOND YEAR

German or French . . . .	4	German or French . . . .	4
English . . . . .	2	English . . . . .	2
General Chem. . . . .	4	Qualitative Anal. . . . .	4
Anal. Geometry . . . . .	4	Calculus . . . . .	4
Electrical Lab. . . . .	2	Electrical . . . . .	2

THIRD YEAR

Mechanics . . . . .	3	Mechanics . . . . .	3
Advanced Physics . . . .	3	Advanced Physics . . . .	3
Advanced Analytics and		Advanced Calculus . . . .	4
Calculus . . . . .	4	Electives . . . . .	7 or 8
Electives . . . . .	6 or 7		

The idea looks good. A great many men come from the smaller colleges to finish at the University and have proved that their training is adequate. By this plan, they lose no credit by so doing. The man has the advantage of the close personal touch with his instructors that can exist only in a small college, and also the advantages of the equipment, the technical experts and the prestige of the University. No doubt similar arrangements will be made with other schools should the plan work out well in practice as it has every indication of doing.—*Stuart G Baits, Michigan, '14 in The Bent of T B II.*

HELLENIC

EXPANSION

A Σ Φ	University of Colorado.
Φ Δ Θ	Whitman College, University of Utah, and Denison University.
K Ψ	(Med.) Creighton University.
Φ B II	(Med.) University of Wisconsin.
T B II	(Eng.) University of Arkansas and University of Kansas.
A Γ Δ	University of California.
A Φ	University of Oregon.
A Ξ Δ	University of Vermont.
Φ M	George Washington University.

## CONVENTIONS

Acacia	San Francisco, Calif., 1915.
A $\Sigma$ $\Phi$	San Francisco and Berkeley, Calif., September 1-4, 1915.
B $\Theta$ $\Pi$	Oakland, Calif., August 31, September 1-3, 1915.
$\Delta$ T	Ithaca, N. Y., October, 1915.
K $\Sigma$	San Francisco, Calif., July 21-23, 1915.
$\Phi$ $\Gamma$ $\Delta$	San Francisco, Calif., August 30, 31 and September 1, 1915.
$\Phi$ $\Sigma$ K	San Francisco, Calif., September 6-8, 1915.
$\Pi$ K A	Oakland, Calif., August 3-6, 1915.
$\Sigma$ X	Berkeley, Calif., August 5-7, 1915.
$\Sigma$ N	Denver, Colo., August 25-28, 1915.
$\Delta$ $\Sigma$ $\Delta$ (Dent.)	San Francisco, Calif., August 30—September 9, 1915.
A X $\Omega$	Long Beach, Calif., last week of June, 1915.
A $\Gamma$ $\Delta$	St. Albans, Minn., June 21-26, 1915.
A $\Xi$ $\Delta$	Berkeley, Calif., July 19-23, 1915.
$\Delta$ $\Gamma$	Berkeley, Calif., August 3-6, 1915.
K A $\Theta$	Gearhart-by-the-Sea, Oregon, week of June 28, 1915.
$\Pi$ B $\Phi$	Berkeley, Calif., week of July 5, 1915.
$\Sigma$ K	Berkeley, Calif., July 13-16, 1915.

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The following are the important pieces of legislation of the last convention of  $\Sigma$  A E, according to *The Record*:

1. Adoption of recommendations on the medical examination of fraternity men.
  2. Adoption of a law prohibiting the use of intoxicants in the chapter house.
  3. Adoption of the recommendations made by the committee on scholarship.
  4. Adoption of a systematized financial code for the steward's department.
  5. Adoption of a pledge ritual.
  6. Revision of the laws.
  7. Establishment of a new province, embracing the northern Pacific states.
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Dr. J. S. Ferguson, the Worthy Grand Master of Kappa Sigma, was one of the speakers at a banquet given by the Delta Upsilon fraternity at the McAlpine hotel in New York on the 17th of February, which was decidedly interesting, in that the



post-prandial exercises were of a rather unusual character inasmuch as the speaking was entirely by members of other fraternities than Delta Upsilon. All of those present were alumni members, something over one hundred of them, and the whole affair illustrated the rather more serious attention which is being given to fraternity development in recent years. The introduction of the number of speakers from other fraternities is something new in fraternity banquets. There were no speeches by members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity other than the introduction by the toastmaster.—*The Caduceus* of K Σ.

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From *The San Francisco Chronical* of February 26, 1915, by way of *The California Alumni Weekly*, we get the following editorial:

#### **"GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES"**

##### **One of Our Legislators Wants to Put Them Out of Existence.**

"Better let them alone. It is improbable that the Legislature has jurisdiction to deal with those societies at all. The Regents of the University form a constitutional body of exclusive authority within its jurisdiction. The Constitution expressly states that the University shall be 'subject to such legislative control as may be necessary to insure compliance with the terms of its endowments, and the proper investment and security of funds'.

"As the Greek letter societies violate the terms of no endowment and do not in any way imperil the University investments, that seems to settle the matter so far as any action of the Legislature is concerned. The Legislature will presumably not attempt to exercise authority which the Constitution explicitly denies to it, and if it does, it will be but one more unforceable law in the statute book.

"This restriction of the Constitution was doubtless intended to protect the University from legislative cranks.

"As an academic question, while there are good reasons for forbidding such societies among the little boys and girls in our common and high schools, those reasons do not apply to the big boys and girls who have reached more advanced years of indiscretion and go to college.

"There will be tomfoolery in the initiation of victims of course. So there is in initiations of grown people who are entirely out of school. Ask any regular "joiner" to relate his experiences. The Greek letter societies are no more silly and in fact, they imitate as well as they know how, the foolishness of their elders. If they inflict injury, as has occasionally happened, make the injury criminal and not the society.

"As for the pretense that they interfere with the pursuit of knowledge, they do not. On the contrary, many of them make high standards of scholarship and general character and manliness prerequisites to admission. Some students go to college without desire or intent to learn anything which they can help learning, but no student who wishes to improve his time will be hindered therein by any Greek letter society.

"And these societies have the real advantage of bringing groups of students into intimate fellowship, which is very wholesome and not easily attainable in any other way.

"But, upon the whole, the value of these societies is best judged by the loyalty and interest in them manifested by members in later life, when the enjoyments of youth are gone with its follies, but whose memories persist in the souls of busy men and women, who cherish the associations of their college days, and seem to renew their youth in their occasional opportunities to foregather with those who are now what they once were.

"Let the Greek societies alone."

The above editorial was occasioned, as is evident, by a bill in the California Legislature. The March number of *Banta's Greek Exchange* has the following to say concerning the bill:

"In the State of California Mr. Schmitt has introduced a bill which, at this writing, is still pending. This bill is aimed to reach not only the fraternities in the institutions supported by the State of California, but is so worded that any institution which receives indirect support from the State, even by the remission of taxes, must lose such support if it permits fraternities. This bill, if it becomes a law, will reach Stanford University and the University of Southern California. It is a departure from the hitherto proposed legislation against the fraternities in that it is the first effort of which we have knowledge to reach fraternities in privately endowed institutions through the State Legislature. The bill further assails the high school fraternity which it is suspected is the real underlying sore spot. It is rather suggestive of the idea that there has again been made the mistake that the so-called high school "frat" and the fraternity of the college world are considered the same institution by people not actually acquainted with the facts in the case.

The fraternity men of California appear to feel confident that the bill will not become a law. The prophecy is freely made that it will not even be reported for passage".

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The fraternity situation at Wooster College is given a new outlook by the recent resignation of Dr. Louis E. Holden, D.D., as president of that institution. It will be recalled that the trustees at the behest of President Holden, inspired by the late Mr. Severance, of Cleveland, forbade further initiations by fraternities three years ago, with the result that some of the fraternity chapters now in Wooster will automatically cease to exist the coming summer.

Whether the new administration to succeed Doctor Holden will adopt a different attitude toward fraternities is not, of course, known, but is likely, as the college has suffered from the alienation of alumni support after the manifestly unfair manner in which the fraternities were ousted by the Holden faction. Nonfraternity



as well as fraternity alumni have resented the high-handed tactics in that case.

Holden resigned immediately after the trustees, on February 1, had adopted a resolution, contrary to his wishes, to establish a normal college course at the institution. It is understood his resignation is to take place the coming summer.

The action of the trustees was taken through a desire to keep intact the big summer school, in which 1500 students were enrolled last year. The state department of public instruction had ruled that, in order that students could be given credit for work done in summer school, the college must establish a normal school course during the winter.

Four hundred Wooster business men, declaring the loss of 1500 students during the dull summer months would be a blow to business in the city, signed a petition asking for the establishment of a normal course. The result was that every trustee residing in the city voted for the normal school, only the out of town trustees standing with President Holden.

The vote was 12 to 7. Doctor Holden, who took the presidency at Wooster shortly before the fire which wiped out the old building, has been the leading factor in bringing the institution to its present high standard.

Beginning with an endowment of \$370,000, his efforts have raised the endowment to approximately \$1,500,000, besides securing the money to erect all of the magnificent new buildings. The total assets of the institution are well above \$2,000,000.—*The Phi Gamma Delta*.

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## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

J. H. Bowen, *Department Editor*

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### ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Iowa Wesleyan Announcements in *Alpha Xi Delta*:

The engagement of Esther Printz, '18, to Louis Luebbers, Σ Φ E, is announced.

The engagement of Hattie Wolf, '18, to Harold McCargar, Σ Φ E, is announced.

From the Cornell correspondence in *Kappa Alpha Theta*:

'14 Announcement has been made of the engagement of Louise C. Bontecou to Mr. James Ferris McKinney, Σ Φ E, Cornell 1912. They will be married next fall at Lake George and will live in Ithaca.

From the Syracuse correspondence in *Kappa Alpha Theta*:

'16-ex On Nov. 24, Gladys Gouldin was married to Vere Filiotraut, '14, Σ Φ E, at her home in Ravenna, Ohio.

From the *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*:

Alpha (Syracuse) Chapter announces the engagement of Martha L. Bourne ex-'16, to Otto G. Reumann,  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , Syracuse '13. Both are studying at Columbia University.

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### FORMAL DINNER DANCE

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The annual formal dinner dance of Colorado Alpha and Colorado Beta Chapters together with the alumni was given at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver on April 15. Forty wearers of the heart of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , together with their ladies, participated in the grand march, which was led by Grand Treasurer Wingett and Mrs. Wingett, and Grand Vice President Knauss and Mrs. Knauss. At 11:15 an elaborate dinner was served. Each lady was presented with a sterling silver hat pin engraved with the letters of the fraternity. Dancing was then continued until two a. m., when all departed declaring the event the best  $\Sigma \Phi E$  had ever given in Colorado.

On Saturday evening, April 17, the annual banquet of Colorado Alpha and Colorado Beta Chapters and the alumni was held at the Albany Hotel in Denver. About seventy-five brothers gathered at the tables. Brother Sawtell of Georgia Alpha was with us. Two generations of the fraternity were represented in Brother J. M. Price and his son, John Price. The banquet was a distinct success.

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### APPLYING FOR CHARTER

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The Denver Alumni have lodged an application for an Alumni Charter with the grand officers. They are the first to take advantage of the action of the last conclave, when provision was made for the granting of alumni charters. Twenty-five brothers have signed the application for a charter.

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### GOOD WORK IN LEGISLATURE

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Brother F. J. Knauss, Grand Vice President, now holds the Colorado record for having succeeded in passing more bills through the Legislature than any other member in the history of the Colorado Legislature. Senator Knauss was the author of twenty-six bills which were passed and approved by the Governor, among them being the Industrial Relations and Workmen's Compensation Acts.



**PROFESSOR EARL C. ARNOLD**

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In our last issue we announced that Brother Arnold had recently been added to the faculty of the University of Idaho. Brother Arnold was born on a farm near Iola, Kan., and was graduated from the common schools of that State. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Baker University in 1906. While in college he was active in student affairs, was a member of the Athenaeum Literary Society and represented it in the annual intersociety debate. In his senior year he was president of the society. He represented Baker University in debate in 1906 against Washburn, Baker's team being winners. In his senior year, he was also invited to speak before the Kansas Day Club at its annual banquet on Kansas Day.

In the fall of 1906 Brother Arnold entered the Law School of Northwestern University at Chicago. In 1908 he represented the University in the intercollegiate debate with the University of Chicago. He was president of his class during his senior year, graduating in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Brother Arnold is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon, Delta Theta Phi and Delta Sigma Rho Fraternities, being a member of Alpha Kappa Phi before its amalgamation into Delta Theta Phi and president of his chapter during his senior year. Brother Arnold is also a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Masons, including the Royal Arch Masons.

On examination he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Illinois on October 6, 1909. In the following spring he located at Boise, Idaho, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of that State and remained in Idaho until April, 1912. During this time he was active in Idaho politics.

In 1912 he was appointed assistant to the solicitor in the Department of Agriculture, with headquarters at Portland, Ore. In this capacity he was attorney for the Forest Service of District Number Six, which is composed of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, traveling all over the district in behalf of the government. He resigned last October to accept a professorship in law at the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho.

On January 29, 1913, Brother Arnold was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.—THE PAPER BOOK, *Delta Theta Phi*.

## CHAPTER LETTERS

*(The Journal is issued on October 20th, December 25th, March 1st and May 1st. Your chapter letter should be in the hands of the Editor twenty days before each date of publication. No notice other than this will be given. Have your letter typewritten and use but one side of the paper. The next letter will be due October 1.—The Editor.)*

### VIRGINIA 'ALPHA

#### RICHMOND COLLEGE

Meets each Monday evening in Chapter rooms, Richmond, Virginia

We are all in the midst of the spring term work, but we do not forget our brothers throughout the country who are bending before the same tasks. It is not long now before the session of 1914 and 1915 will be at an end, and we are trying to profitably bring it to an end both for ourselves and for Sigma Phi Epsilon. When we have spent a happy vacation during the summer months and come back to school with clear, alert minds, we find it easy to bend to the tasks conscientiously. But as the winter months pass out and the warm spring days come, it is indeed hard for all work to be done. But with the push of determination to finish in high colors, we hope to come through well; and then will come the great enjoyment of a happy vacation.

Virginia Alpha, as should every Sigma Phi Epsilon, is very proud of our late Brother E. W. Miller. Though a freshman in college he has already won a name of distinction for himself. He easily won the State Oratorical Medal on the subject of prohibition. Brother Miller is doing excellent work in college and especially in the Literary Society of which he is a member.

Brother Robinson deserves no less credit. He is being handed laurels for his highly creditable work as a Varsity pitcher on the baseball team.

It is a well settled fact, though not yet published, that two of our men will receive medals for scholarly work this session. Brother Dunford, Senior Law Prize, and Brother Fields the



Mathematics Prize. We have only about three more weeks of actual work before school closes. But during this time we hope to successfully carry through several socials and then one special reunion some night during commencement week.

Virginia Alpha wishes every brother the very highest success possible when the finals come in June, and then the very happiest of all happy vacations every spent.

Faternally,

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

*J. Arthur Kennedy,  
Chapter Historian.*

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## WEST VIRGINIA BETA

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### WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at Chapter House, 509 Front Street, Morgantown, West Virginia

Our initiation was held February 9th and 10th, at which time we took in eleven men. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following men:

Allan A. Brooks, B. Sc. Agr. '18, Buckhannon, W. Va.  
Edward C. Bennett, B. Sc. C. E. '18, Morgantown, W. Va.

Everett Busch, B. Sc. Agr. '18, Sardis, Ohio.  
Theodore V. Broadwater, B. Sc. '18, Belington, W. Va.  
H. Crawford Compton, B. Sc. '18, Grafton, W. Va.  
Paul R. Wyckoff, LL. B. '18, Grafton, W. Va.  
Robert H. Willis, B. Sc. Agr., Bridgeport, W. Va.  
Albert F. Vierheller, B. Sc. Agr., Parkersburg, W. Va.  
George Edward P. House, B. Sc. Agr. '18, Wheeling, W. Va.

James Phillip Hanley, A. B. '16, Wheeling, W. Va.  
John Barry Hanley, A. B. '17, Wheeling, W. Va.

We take a pardonable pride in the scholastic and athletic achievements of the new men in university affairs. Lack of space forbids our going into details, but we should mention the success of Brother Allan Brooks as fullback on the Varsity football team, for which he received his letter. Bennett made the highest freshman grades in the College of Engineering.

Immediately after initiation we gave our formal Reunion Ball in the armory, scoring one of the most brilliant social successes of the season.

We were well represented in basket ball the past season. The work of Kersting was especially sensational, he figuring as the star of the Varsity quintette. Kerns was the "bug gun" of the reserves, and in all probability will make the Varsity next year.

The baseball season is now well under way, with our men contributing largely to the success of the team. Stoops did sensational work in right field on the Easter southern trip of our team. Barry Hanley would have made the trip, but had the misfortune to be incapacitated by an injured knee. Brother Stoops speaks with high appreciation of the hospitable courtesy extended to him by Sigma Tau, soon to be a sister chapter, when the team visited Penn State. In local interfraternity baseball, it looks as if our crack nine would capture the pennant.

We extend to our new sister chapter, Wisconsin Alpha, hearty congratulations and a sincere welcome into the best of all fraternities.

Wishing our sister chapters the greatest success, we are  
Fraternally,

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

*H. C. Compton,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## COLORADO ALPHA

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### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at Chapter House, 1135  
Eleventh Street, Boulder, Colorado

Colorado Alpha welcomes Wisconsin Alpha into the ranks of Sigma Phi Epsilon and extends to her our best wishes for a prosperous career.

As the present school year draws to a close, Colorado Alpha looks back with pride upon the standing she has maintained. In every school activity the wearers of the heart have been seen. Track, baseball and debating are now drawing the attention of the students. Interfraternity baseball also attracts, and the  $\Sigma \Phi E$ 's hope to "cop" the pennant for which we tied last year.

In track we have Brothers Cline, Nelson, Warner and Stratton. Brother Cline is the main stay of the team and the man upon whom we look to win the meets. At the Rocky Mountain Indoor Meet in Denver,  $\Sigma \Phi E$  tied for first place in the National Fraternity Relay Race.



On the diamond may be seen Brothers Bowland, Sullivan and Burlingame, while debating has called forth from our bunch Brothers Cline, Fischer and Clark.

The Glee and Mandolin Club has just finished its twenty-second annual tour and with them could be seen three golden hearts worn by Brothers Fritchman, Weber and Rader. This tour extended down into northern New Mexico and was the most successful trip ever taken by the University of Colorado Club.

Several of the brothers have been honored in various ways since the publication of the last journal. Brother Stratton was elected by the Sophomore class of the University as Brother Cline's successor to the position for manager of next year's Junior Annual, The Coloradoan. Brother Weber is Athletic Editor on this year's Annual and Brother Stoddard and Warner are in the Annual Art Department. Brother Bowland was initiated into the Alpha Chi Sigma chemical fraternity.

Through this issue of the Journal Colorado Alpha wishes to introduce to the fraternity at large, two new Brothers, Charles R. Burlingame and William R. Shaw. The initiation took place March 29, at which time there were fifty-eight Brothers present. The meeting was one which will long be remembered by Colorado Alpha, being the largest ever held in her Chapter Room.

Socially, Colorado Alpha is at her height, for on the night of April 15 we give, in connection with Colorado Beta, and our combined alumni, our second annual Formal Dinner and Dance, at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver. Last year the Formal was a great success and we all look forward to a larger and better dance this year. Founder's Day Banquet will be held two nights later at the Albany Hotel in Denver. This is an informal affair and one looked forward to by all.

On June 5 the University of Colorado closes its doors on the winter term and in celebration Colorado Alpha will give its annual picnic and dance at Lake Eldora. The picknickers will leave on a "special" at ten a. m. and after a three hours ride over one of the most beautiful scenic railway lines in the west—"The Switzerland Trail of America"—they will arrive at the lake. The afternoon will be spent in rowing, fishing, fussing, climbing and playing ball, while the evening will be given over to dancing in the "Pine Log Inn," a rustic hotel overlooking the lake and surrounding valley. There is no social function during the year, more looked forward to by the fair Co-eds than the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  picnic.

We close this letter with the wish that this will be the close of the most successful year that all  $\Sigma \Phi E$ 's have enjoyed, and we

wish you all a pleasant summer vacation and a safe return to your studies next fall.

Faternally,

COLORADO ALPHA.

*C. B. Rader,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA

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### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at the Chapter House, 3745  
Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Since the beginning of the second semester Pennsylvania Delta has completed a very successful rushing season. We wish to introduce to the fraternity,

Initiated March 30, 1915:

William Prentice Rhenley, 1918, Wilmington, Del.

Alva Leon Cole, 1918, Punxsutawney, Pa.

Edward W. Hasting, 1918, Philadelphia, Pa.

Between mid-year and the Easter vacation, many of the Brothers were engaged in various activities of the University.

The wrestling season ended March 27. Brother Wooley finished third in his class in the Intercollegiates at Lehigh and has been elected Captain for next year.

Brother "Art" Littleton was elected President of the Intercollegiate Wrestling Association.

"Punch Bowl" announced the election of Brother Harry Huff as Business Manager. Brother Loyal Graham has been appointed on the "Red and Blue" board. Brother Phillips paid us a visit on his way home from a western tour.

After a brief Easter vacation the forces of Pennsylvania Delta are again marshalled for the march toward Commencement. Brother "Art" Littleton has been elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. Brother Huff succeeds to the Vice Presidency of the Christian Association next year. On the river Brothers "Dick" Littleton and "Ad" Foster are again at their respective places, 7 and cox, in the Varsity eight. Brother "Al" Odgers is rowing on the Junior Varsity. We have promising freshmen baseball men in pledges, "Ad" Swigler and "Vic" Chiquoine. "Ad" is the best twirler on the squad by far.



The only remaining activity in which we are represented is Mask and Wig, and the historian is a member of the Glee chorus in its production, "Paradise Prison".

There are two very important athletic events which are scheduled for Franklin Field, U. of P., this spring; the Intercollegiate Track Meet, May 28 and 29, and the Relay Carnival held April 24. We should be very glad indeed to have any brother who may be here for either of these events, or in fact, any other, stay at the chapter house or drop in and see us at any time.

In closing we wish all of the brothers a most pleasant summer, and success in their final examinations.

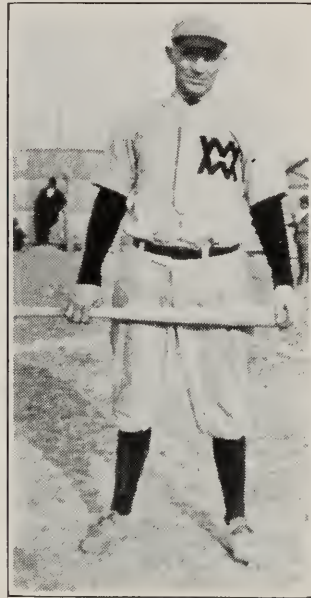
Fraternally,

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

*Willard M. Sistare,  
Chapter Historian.*



"PUD" GAMES  
Virginia Delta  
Varsity Halfback, '14;  
Varsity Second Base-  
man, '11, '12, '13, '15



RAY ADDINGTON  
Virginia Delta  
Varsity Halfback, '14;  
Varsity First Base,  
'13, '14, '15

## VIRGINIA DELTA

### WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE

Meets every Sunday at 2 p. m. at Chapter House, Williamsburg,  
Virginia

Again Virginia Delta is glad to send greetings to her sister chapters.

Our Easter Holiday is just over and the brothers are hard at work again. The holiday has by no means been a quiet one; but everyone has been kept busy with athletic contests, debating contests and dances.

The baseball season at William and Mary is well under way and promises to be a very successful one. Virginia Delta is well represented on the team by brothers Games, Addington and Coombs. This is Brother Games' four year on the team, while Brothers Addington and Coombs have played with us two seasons before. Brother Richardson, a freshman, is also showing up well in the outfield and will make the regulars hustle before the season is over.



JACK COOMBS  
Varsity Catcher  
'13, '14, '15



"DUTCHY" FREY  
Virginia Delta  
Editor-in-Chief, Flat  
Hat; Manager of  
Track Team, '14, '15

Arrangements are being made for a series of interfraternity games this spring. We hope that the arrangements will be successful, because we have fine prospects of a winning team.



At this writing the chapter roll numbers thirteen. The prospects for next session are very bright indeed if the brothers return, as we will lose only two by graduation. Brother Fry will get his A. B. this spring, while Brother Games is a candidate for the M. A. degree. Both of these brothers have been very prominent in college activities, and our best wishes for their success goes out with them.

As this is our last letter this session, we extend to all our best wishes for a very pleasant vacation.

Faternally,

VIRGINIA DELTA.

*E. Ralph James,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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### NORTH CAROLINA BETA

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#### NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS

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Meets every Sunday at 2 p. m. in Chapter Rooms, 1911 Dorm.,  
West Raleigh, North Carolina

We are on our last stretch of this school year and everyone is busy preparing for the final examinations which take place in about one month.

This will end a most successful year for Sigma Phi's as we have gotten five good men. We lose three good men this year by graduation, namely; Brothers Kramer, Procter and Pinner, but Brother Procter will come back and take a postgraduate course with us next year. Brother Kramer is the valedictorian of the graduating class. His mawes two men of our number to hold this position in the last three years.

We are honored this year by having Brothers Winston and Johnson on the Varsity baseball team. A. and M. has had a very good year so far in the baseball line, losing only one game and that to the strong Pennsylvania State team by a score of 1 to 0.

We have spent a very pleasant Easter and the annual dance given by the Pi Kappa Alpha's was very much enjoyed by all. This dance is given by this fraternity at this time every year.

We have been honored by having Brother Howard, a former member of our chapter, also Brothers Evans, Sauls and Weathersly from North Carolina Gamma, to pay us a short visit Easter.

We give our annual dance May 25 with the Kappa Sigma's and wish to extend to all an invitation. We hope to see as many as can possibly be present with us.

In closing we take pleasure in wishing our sister chapters a most enjoyable summer vacation.

Faternally,

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

*B. D. Hodges,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## OHIO ALPHA

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### OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Monday evening, 8:30 p. m., in Chapter House, 517  
South Gilbert Street, Ada, Ohio

Ohio Alpha has enjoyed a remarkably successful year both in points of fraternal growth and in school activities. With this letter we enter upon the last stage of the year, still laboring to promote the ideals of our fraternity.

We are closing up the term with better prospects for the future than ever before. This is largely due to the fact that our initiates this year are mostly underclassmen and not seniors who graduate in spring, as has been the case heretofore. We are proud of our freshmen for it is they who grow up in the fraternity and so learn what we stand for and what we need to become more active.

We have initiated the following since our last letter and introduce them to the fraternity at large as men worthy of our brotherhood.

Initiated March 22;

M. R. Shaw, LL. B., '17, Bradford, Pa.

Initiated April 10;

A. L. Allen, C. E., '16, Copenhagen, N. Y.

E. E. Woomer, M. E., '18, Myerstown, Penn.

C. W. Law, M. & S. E., '18, Elliottville, N. Y.

J. N. Main, B. S., '17, Ada, Ohio.

It is still early for any prediction concerning our men in baseball.

Brothers Bane, Allen, Main and Starry are practicing daily. The latter two have had no trouble in making their letters in two previous seasons, so we look to Brothers "Bill" and "Nirum" to do it again and to "Spike" and "Slim" to do it this year.

Pledges Dawson and Daily are also out and from the looks of things the entire infield will be composed of "Sigs."



Socially we are again active and preparing for our annual Alumni banquet which will take place at the end of this term. We feel confident that this will be the biggest ever and expect a large representation of the old brothers here to grace our festive board.

Perhaps our hearty endorsement of the consistent expansion due to the efforts of our grand officers will not be amiss at this time. The rapid growth and present strength of Sigma Phi Epsilon entitles it to a prominent position among college fraternities and makes it a fraternity in which any institution might well desire to be represented.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers Evans and Mollenaur recently.

Ohio Alpha extends her best wishes to all sister chapters and takes this opportunity to greet the "baby" of the family—Wisconsin Alpha. We wish all chapters continued success and all brothers abundance of pleasure throughout the summer vacation.

Fraternally,  
OHIO ALPHA.

*Edward H. Thevenet,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## INDIANA ALPHA

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### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Monday, 7:00 p. m., at Chapter House, 102 Thornell Street, West Lafayette, Indiana

Brother Longenecker has just returned from the Conference Wrestling Meet held at Lincoln, and reports a most enjoyable visit with the brothers of Nebraska Alpha.

Spring track and baseball are at present occupying the attention of the athletically inclined of Indiana Alpha, with Brothers Royce and Daley on the varsity ball squad and Brothers LaPorte, Depew, Newman and Hinkle working hard on the distances and dashes. Brother Applegate expects to become eligible within the next two weeks and he has again taken his place on the cinders where he has in the past two years brought so much glory to Indiana Alpha.

With the marriage of Brother Rice, '16, Indiana Alpha has succeeded in entirely eliminating Dan Cupid from her chapter. At the same time, however, she extends her best wishes to Brother and Mrs. Rice.

To her sister chapters, Indiana Alpha takes pride in presenting Brothers Gant, Grater and Rybolt of the '16 class.

Fraternally,

INDIANA ALPHA.

*J. R. Cavanagh,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## NEW YORK ALPHA

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### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every Friday at 7:30 p m., at Chapter House, 310 Walnut Place, Syracuse, New York**

Since the last chapter letter New York Alpha has passed through a period of great activity. In the first place Brother "Gimp" Hoople and Brother Gilmore are out for Varsity crew, and have their seats won in the Junior boat. This shell for the last two weeks has been beating the Varsity and may be sent to the American Henley. On the powerful freshman eight, Brother Blanchard is pulling bow oar, while Brother Lester is in the substitutes' shell with a good chance of being a substitute. Thus we may have four brothers at Poughkeepsie.

Brother Sutton is the newly elected president of the University Y. M. C. A., succeeding Brother Gordon Hoople. Sigma Phi Epsilon has had three of the last five presidents of the Y. M. C. A.

In the Interfraternity Relay League we took first place, winning the beautiful trophy offered by the Double Seven, a Junior society. The relay team was composed of Brothers Ross, Perry, Clark and Rulison, with Brother Valance substitute. The series brought out a close contest between twenty fraternities, and we won out in the finals from Delta Upsilon, the winners of the cup last year.

Brother Rulison is out for Varsity track and won first place in the quarter mile against Pittsburg. Brothers Perry and Ross are out for freshman track.

Brother "Pep" Hoople won one of the best art prizes in the University. Brother Gilmore took a prize in architecture.

In the annual underclass debate Sigma Phi Epsilon was represented by Brother Stanley Brown on the sophomore team, and by Brother Henry on the freshman team. Brother Carman, '12, acted as one of the judges.



Three brothers are working for assistant managerships; Brother Arden Brown is out for track; Brother Cookingham for baseball; and Brother Perry for football, and each one of the men is showing up well and will stand a very good chance of election.

On May 4, Moving Up Day, the class society pledges were announced, and the Daily Orange board for next year elected. Brother Douglass was pledged to Tau Theta Epsilon and to Senior Dinner Club, two of the senior class societies, and he was advanced from assistant editor to editor of the Daily Orange. This carries with it a membership in the Senior Council, as does Brother Sutton's Y. M. C. A. presidency.

Brother Cookingham was pledged to Double Seven, a Junior society. Brothers Ross, Guard and Lester are pledged to Theta Nu Epsilon. Brothers Seymour and Wilcox are pledged to Phi Pi, the honorary engineering society. Brothers Stanley Brown and Henry are pledged to Janus, the honorary debate society.

Brothers Guard and Henry were elected associate editors of the Daily Orange after a year on the reporter's staff.

On Saturday, May 1, occurred the annual Spring Feed of the chapter. About forty active brothers and alumni were present, and this last banquet of the year, held in honor of the seniors and for the alumni, was one of the most successful ever held. Brothers Thompson, Collins and Cookingham, of the committee, deserve great credit for their work.

The spirit and general condition of the chapter is excellent, and the brothers feel that they can look back upon the year that is closing as one of the most successful in the history of New York Alpha.

With greetings to all the chapters,

Fraternally,

NEW YORK ALPHA.

*Leland B. Henry,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## VIRGINIA EPSILON

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WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Saturday at 10:30 p. m. at Chapter House, 19 Letcher Ave., Lexington, Virginia

The writing of this letter finds us of Virginia Epsilon rejoicing over the fact that exams are over and the work of the third and last term is already fully under sway. It is with pleas-

ure that we report that the "Automatic Rule" found no victims among the brothers. Brother H. J. Blackford still continues to rank among the scholastic leaders and his name goes down for the fifth time on the honor list. Brother Richard Loughran, who has been visiting us since Christmas, successfully passed the "specials" imposed upon him and will receive his law degree in June. He is now practicing law at his home in Asheville, N. C.

The two rival boat crews have begun spring training for the annual race to take place during Final Week. Brothers Blackford and S. D. Shore are striving hard for positions of coxswain and oarsman, respectively, on the Albert Sidney and it is believed that their chances are good. All members of the Chapter who ever saw or heard of a baseball are engaged in huge preparations to turn out a winning team for the Interfraternity League, which begins its activities in a few weeks, and we expect better success than was our lot last year. Brother P. C. Thomas was a member of the Senior Class Basketball Team, which won the Championship of the University a week or two back, and did good work at guard.

All brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon will be sorry to learn of the sudden death of Mr. T. F. Malloy, father of Brother Fagg Malloy, '17. Brother Malloy has just returned to us after an absence of two weeks at his home in Asheville, N. C.

The University is putting forth every effort to bring back as many alumni as possible this Finals and we are looking forward to the pleasure of seeing a goodly number of Σ Φ Ε's among the returning ones. The Chapter House will be then, as now, "open house" to all brothers, whether they be of this chapter or of any of our sisters. As a chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon we are laying plans to do our part in making the coming Commencement a big thing—and the more, the merrier.

In this, our final letter, we wish to extend to each and every brother the hope that he has had a most successful year in all respects, and that the next will even surpass the present. Wishing all a most pleasant vacation between the halves,

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

G. S. Morrison,  
*Chapter Historian.*



**VIRGINIA ZETA**

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**RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE**

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**Meets every Saturday night at 11:00 p. m. at Chapter House,  
Ashland, Virginia**

The scholastic year 1914-'15 is rapidly drawing to a close. We are *sadly* reminded of this fact as we note that this is the last letter that will be sent to The Journal this session.

Virginia Zeta has nearly completed one of the most successful years of our entire history. We have had representatives in every phase of college activity from the time that Brother Hunnicutt first welcomed the "*fish*" to Frank Hall, at the Y. M. C. A. reception, in September, until Brothers Savage, Walker and Buttingham will have played their last game of baseball in "the merry month of May."

Before giving just a partial list of honors taken by Virginia Zeta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon this year, we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large,

Initiated February 13, 1915;

Robert Henry Dugger, A. B.

Brother Dugger came to us from Meredithville, Va., and has already proven himself a worthy "Sigma Phi". He was elected to the Monitor Board early in the year, an honor seldom given to anyone except a senior.

Since the date of our last letter, the fast basket ball five of Randolph-Macon have been declared champions of this division. We were represented on the team by one "freshman athlete"—Brother Buttingham. The Richmond papers gave Brother Buttingham most of the credit for winning our last championship game played against our old rival—Richmond College.

Baseball is now the center of interest and on the team Virginia Zeta is represented by three brothers. Brother Buttingham is holding down third sack, while Brothers Savage and Walker are both occupying places in the outfield.

In our annual triangular debate between William and Mary, Hampden-Sidney and Randolph-Macon Colleges, which was held the 9th of April, our team lost to William and Mary, in Williamsburg, and won from Hampden-Sidney, in Ashland. Brother Hunnicutt represented us on the team which defeated Hampden-Sidney. Brother Hunnicutt was also elected to the State Oratorical Contest and is a contestant for the Southerlin medal in oratory, which contest takes place in June. He is art editor of the Yellow Jacket, our annual, and assistant editor of the Randolph-Macon Monthly.

Brother Rorer is also an assistant editor of the Randolph-Macon Monthly, is on the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet this year and has already been elected Vice-President of the Cabinet for next year. Brother Rorer is President of the sophomore class and was elected to the Richmond College debate preliminary this year.

Brother Buttingham has also been elected to a place on next year's Y. M. C. A. Cabinet.

Brother Green was on the Monitor Board, but resigned. He is fast getting the reputation of a vocal soloist.

All our Brothers are holding high the standard of Σ Φ Ε along social lines. Only a week or so ago we entertained for the Ashland "dames" in our home on Railroad Ave. We regret that we do not have space here to give the account in detail and to give fuller accounts of honors taken.

After the Easter holidays we were glad to have back with us Word Day Peake, who was out of school for a short while on account of his eyes.

In conclusion, will say that we are planning to have something big here commencement and we would like for every brother to visit us. You will hear more about it later.

Faternally,

VIRGINIA ZETA.

*T. A. Holland,*  
*Acting Chapter Historian.*

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## GEORGIA ALPHA

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### GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

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**Meets every Saturday night in Chapter House, 14 West North Ave.,  
Atlanta, Georgia**

With the beginning of spring, Georgia Alpha is glad to greet her sister chapters again and is sorry that it is the last time for this year and the last time forever five of Georgia Alpha's men will ever greet their brothers as active men.

Since we last reached the Fraternity through The Journal, Georgia Alpha has been busy in all lines. Now baseball is all the sway here at Tech. and we have Brother Malone playing in the field and batting like a big leaguer. Brother Beard is subcatcher and Brother Smith still has his old place as score keeper. When the Tennessee team came down to play Tech. we were certainly glad to see Brothers Tomason and Gilbreath with them. We saw a great deal of them while they were



here and certainly enjoyed their visit and the news of the work this new chapter, so close to us, is doing.

The Tech. Marionetts, which is the Dramatic Club of Georgia Tech., gave a performance at the Atlanta Theatre in March and Georgia Alpha was represented in the cast by Brothers Stanley, Yopp and Drummond, all of whom certainly did justice to themselves and helped to make the performance the most successful ever given by the Marionetts. Georgia Alpha also was lucky in drawing a box and after the performance we had a dance at the Chapter House at which were only the active men and the ladies they had taken, which proved to be a very enjoyable way to spend the remainder of the evening.

Georgia Alpha also entertained at a House dance during February. This was our first dance since the conclave and was certainly enjoyed by all. We have hopes of having another some time before school closes for the summer.

Georgia Alpha celebrated Founder's Day with a banquet at the Ansley Hotel, at which Tennessee Alpha and Alabama Alpha were represented. This was certainly a pleasure we had not expected and reminded us of the good times we had during the conclave. A meeting of representatives of our chapters that are here together is certainly giving us chances to do good work here in the south.

Brother Charles Inglesby, a first-year man from Savannah, Ga., was taken sick with pneumonia about the middle of March and by heroic work of the best doctors in Atlanta was pulled through a very serious illness and has now returned home to recuperate his strength. We were glad to have his father spend a few days with us here at the Chapter House while he was in Atlanta; also glad to say we made quite an impression on him as to the way we keep our house. He is a Fraternity man from Mercer College.

The Fraternities at Tech. are all hard at work with baseball teams for the coming interfraternity baseball season, and we are expecting to give them a hot run for the cup.

We are now enjoying a pleasant week-end visit from Brothers Hart and Robinson of Alabama Alpha.

Our Chapter House at 14 West North Ave., will be open during the summer months and all brothers passing through Atlanta are cordially invited to spend their time at the house.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters for a profitable and enjoyable summer.

Fraternally,

GEORGIA ALPHA.

*G. A. Chapman,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

**DELAWARE ALPHA**

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**DELAWARE STATE COLLEGE**

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Meets every Wednesday at 7 p. m. at the Chapter House,  
Newark, Delaware

Now that spring has come Delaware Alpha finds herself making a final spurt in preparation for examinations and athletics.

Since our annual Easter vacation, a call has been issued for track and baseball men. Without a doubt Sigma Phi Epsilon will be well represented in both sports. Brother S. G. Gibney, holder of the "Delaware" broad jump record and a pole-vaulter of merit, is sure of his old place on the Varsity. Brothers Marks, Cleaver, Bowen and Wier, all of whom are freshmen, are making a try for the team. Two of these men are showing up exceptionally well: Brother Cleaver, in the quarter and half-mile, and Brother Marks, in the distance events. Delaware Alpha hopes to have a representative on the relay team which will represent "Delaware" at Franklin Field on April 23. In baseball we are represented by Brothers Creadick, Wheeler, Stayton, and Haley. Pledge Smith is also out for the team. "Chet" is a wonder in athletics and should "pull down" many laurels for himself and  $\Sigma \Phi E$  during his four years at Delaware.

Tennis has been recognized as one of the major sports at Delaware. Brother Torbert is manager of the team and promises a good schedule. Brothers Martin, Haley and Brown are practicing daily on the new courts.

On April 14, 15 and 16 the Delaware College Orchestra, under the directorship of Brother Martin, will make a tour of the state. Brothers Haley, Torbert, Marks and Graff are also representing us in this organization. Brother "Ernie" Marks is conceded to be one of the best cornetists in the state and has pleased many audiences with his clever playing. Brother Adams was re-elected Business Manager.

In scholastic standing Delaware Alpha is well up in front. Brothers Brown and Heyd were two of the eleven men chosen for  $\Phi K \Phi$ , an honorary Fraternity devoted to the interests of scholarship. Brother Brown has attained the highest average of any man in College. Brother Heyd is first among the Engineers.



May 15 is the date when all good  $\Sigma\Phi E$ 's of Delaware Alpha will get together for their annual "pow-wow." Already many of our alumni have signified their intention of being present with us on that occasion. Among many other things, plans for a new home will be discussed. This reunion promises to be the best ever.

Delaware Alpha wishes to introduce to the fraternity at large three new brothers who have already proved themselves worthy of the Heart.

Initiated February 10, 1915:

Robert Bayne Wheeler, A. and S., '18, Wilmington, Delaware.

Knowles Ritchie Bowen, C.E., '18, Newark, Delaware.  
February 17, 1915.

Robert Wies, Jr., C. E., '18, Wilmington, Delaware.  
Wishing the best of success to our sister chapters, we are  
Fraternally,

DELAWARE ALPHA.

*James E. Brayshaw,*  
*Acting Chapter Historian.*

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## VIRGINIA ETA

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### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

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Meets on Tuesday nights at 7:15 p. m., in the Chapter House, on  
Fourteenth Street, University, Virginia

With this letter Virginia Eta will not be heard from any more until next October; at least through the pages of the "Journal", officially, or the like. At this writing we have just finished our middle term examinations and all our brothers' verdicts are either "I passed" or "I hope so"; none "I am afraid not". So with a clean slate behind we are rounding the final lap with a pace seasoned by six months of hard and constant work.

The baseball season is swinging into full force. Against Clark Griffith's crew Virginia was able to cop only one victory, that being the last game, by the score of 3 to 1. The writer has the good fortune to be credited with this game. Amhurst has also been twice defeated by us. For the past three years they have been beating Virginia in the latter stages of the game by remarkable batting rallies. But Virginia has been forced to bow to the Princeton Tigers. This time the writer had the

bad fortune to be driven from the mound in the early part of the game. But he intends for this to be his only defeat this year.

Easter week is here with us now, the liveliest time of the year. The beautiful lawns of the campus are almost hidden by the still more beautiful hats of the *most* beautiful "Easter Queens." Dances will be the occasion of the week and the professors must patiently endure for a while the nodding and snoozing of their classes. (If they themselves, at least some, do not use too much "the light fantastic toe.")

Also our Easter-week baseball schedule shows games with Cornell (2), Fordhorn, Williams and North Carolina. All brothers who are on any of the visiting teams will please make our chapter house their headquarters while at Virginia. I am afraid that this invitation, or request, as you please, will be too late for our brothers to make much use of it at its face value. But they should remember that we always expect any traveling brother to come by and pay us a visit, even at the expense of his own inconvenience. We will always look for you when you come, and you must always look for us.

As this is the last time we will report to the "Journal" this year, it seems not improper that we should make a few predictions as to who we will lose this year. It seems certain that Brother Gillette, Varsity left end for three years, will not be back. He graduates in law and if he shows the aggressiveness here as he did in football we safely predict a place for him on the All-Southern Bar. No other brothers are candidates for degrees this year, tho, as is usually the case, we will probably be minus a few of the faithful next year. Brother Berry expects to go to South America as a chemist. The rest are hopeful of returning next year. Also we expect to have at least four goats before finals. We all but have them pledged now and regret that we cannot enclose their names this time.

Brothers, remember we expect you to always drop by when passing this way. That's what our fraternity is for. It is something more than a mere house for the  $\Sigma \Phi E$ 's who are at the University of Virginia, it is for you. Of course there are many brothers whom we will never see, but with the chapter house we try to make it possible to see as many as we can, and it's up to you to do the rest. Virginia Eta has the reputation of "bumming" off her sister chapters and expects you to do the same.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA ETA.

*P. H. Callaway,*  
*Chapter Historian.*



**ARKANSAS ALPHA**

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**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**

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**Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at Fraternity Rooms, 346  
Arkansas Ave., Fayetteville, Arkansas**

Another college year draws to a close, and we are now treading the last lap of our scholastic session. We are looking forward to these last few weeks with eager anticipation and highest hopes, and our only regret is that when this semester comes to its close several of our best men will leave us to go forth to life's battles.

Since our last letter we have been fortunate in securing several new pledges, all of whom are excellent fraternity material and will make worthy members of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In baseball, Arkansas Alpha has three men on the team, two pitchers, Brother Benton and Pledge Walkup, and Brother Cook at short. The team has had a very successful season so far and prospects seem very bright for the remainder.

Arkansas Alpha will also be a strong contender for the pennant in the Peanut League, which is composed of teams representing the different fraternities and dormitories.

The Interfraternity Banquet was held on the night of March 11th, in which Arkansas Alpha was well represented. A number of Alumnae brothers were present and all present seemed to reap rich benefits from the toasts of those who have gone before.

Since the date of our last letter we have enjoyed visits from Brothers Bird, Jaynes, and Williams. We extend to our brothers a hearty invitation to visit us.

We unite with our sister chapters in extending a hearty welcome to the baby chapter of Wisconsin.

In closing we wish for each Sig Ep the most pleasurable and happy vacation.

Fraternally,

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

*E. J. Liske,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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**PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON**

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**LEHIGH UNIVERSITY**

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**Meets every Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., at the Chapter House, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**

Before enumerating on our own achievements, Pennsylvania Epsilon wishes to extend her heartiest congratulations to our new brothers in Wisconsin Alpha.

The recent intercollegiate wrestling matches held in Taylor Gymnasium were a source of pride to Lehigh, she producing champions in the 125 and 145 pound classes and thereby taking second place in the meet. Although Pennsylvania Epsilon was not represented on the mat, Sigma Phi Epsilon was very much in prominence due to our Brothers Wooley, Mitchell and Littleton of the University of Pennsylvania.

March 25th was a scene of great activity at our chapter house and as a result of that date we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large:

Brant S. Derr, C.E., '17 Baltimore, Md.

Harold O. Hogan, E.E., '17, Baltimore, Md.

Brother Hogan, better known as "Dutch," has already "brought home the bacon" by securing a permanent berth on the rifle team and Brother Derr is making use of his 210 pounds by throwing the hammer and putting the shot.

Brothers, Jones, Barkley and Ammerman have reported for varsity lacrosse and "yours truly" is hot on the trail of the managership.

Brother Ryon has answered the call for candidates for baseball manager and we feel sure that something must fall our way.

The musical end of the chapter is being nobly upheld by Brother Barkely, who is a member of the Mandolin and Glee Club and the Orchestra.

We were glad to receive a visit from Brother "Scotty" White, our one time varsity forward and sincerely hope he and our other alumni brothers will make it a business to come around and see us.

At a recent meeting of the chapter the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. D. Ammerman,

W. H. Alexander,

C. S. Hill,



C. Roberts,  
F. E. Portz,  
A. C. Jones,  
S. A. Kendall,  
B. H. Rigg.

As this is our last letter of the year, Pennsylvania Epsilon wishes her brothers a most happy vacation.

Faternally,

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

*F. E. Portz,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## OHIO GAMMA

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### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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Meets every other Monday evening, 7:00 p. m., at the Chapter House, 1550 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio

We, of Ohio Gamma, extend our last greetings of this school year to all our sister chapters not without some feeling akin to sadness. Six of Ohio Gamma's members will become Alumni in June and from these especially this parting letter carries tender sentiments. We of Ohio Gamma, whether active or Alumni, will ever hold the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon before us and strive for their attainment.

Since our last letter we have initiated into the bond, and here wish to introduce:

James Jefferson McKitterick, Eng. 2, Jackson, Ohio.

Initiation was held March 7, 1915. Brother McKitterick is quite a rifle shot and under the direction of Alumni, Brother Snook, the winner of the world's championship event at Camp Perry last summer, bids fair to make a mark for himself in this line.

On March 6 Brother Phillips favored us with a visit on his return trip from the installation of Wisconsin Alpha. He arrived at a most opportune time as our chapter, as a whole, attended the Annual Pan-Hellenic Banquet held in Memorial Hall on the evening of his visit and we were more than glad to have him enjoy this event with us. Over three hundred were present and the eats, speeches, and smokes were intermingled to form a most successful and rousing affair.

On Monday, March 22, the Ohio State University, as a whole, entertained the members of both houses of the Legislature. After a tour of inspection of the University, the initial playing of our new chimes, and a special athletic carnival, the legislators and their wives were the guests of the various Fraternities for dinner. Ohio Gamma entertained Senator Malay and wife, State Statician Pemberton and Rep. John Hayes of Belmont County.

An informal dancing party to be given at the Florentine is the next event on our social calendar and our social committee is promising several novel features.

At present baseball is of course the center of athletic interest and we, of Ohio Gamma, are limbering up and expect this year to vanquish all and capture the Interfraternity Baseball Cup instead of tying for its possession as we did last year. We were the winners in our league but the title match was never played. Brother Miles is out with the Tennis squad and hopes to win his letter again this year.

Alumni Brothers Buchanan, Perkins, and Davis have all been recently honored by admittance to "The Order of the Midnight Watch." Brother Buchanan's is a boy and Perkins' and Davis' a girl and of course each is the cutest ever.

Ohio Gamma sends its heartiest greetings to our new chapter at Wisconsin and wishes them a long and prosperous career.

Godspeed and goodluck to every wearer of the heart till we meet again through our Journal.

Faternally,

OHIO GAMMA.

*Raymond A. Miles,  
Chapter Historian.*

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## VERMONT ALPHA

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### NORWICH UNIVERSITY

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Meets every other Sunday at 2:00 p. m., in Chapter House,  
Northfield, Vermont

After a lapse of a few months, Vermont Alpha again has the pleasure of mingling her greetings with those of her sister chapters and giving each the fraternal hail.

With the advent of Spring, a restlessness seems to come over us and we look to some sport for relaxation after the



long cold months of confinement. Basket ball was attempted here for the first time in a number of years and with comparatively little practice, a brilliant team was put on the floor. Three of the five men were Sigma Phi Eps; Brother Beer captained the team while Brothers Beowe and O'Neil played positions of center and guard. Baseball naturally takes the attention of the corps at this time of year though there has been little opportunity for practice owing to the ice on the diamond. Brother Smith will no doubt hold his own at short; Tip O'Neil has a bid in for third while Tommy Keefe looks promising for outfield.

March 23rd, Vermont Alpha celebrated the seventh anniversary of her admittance to the Sigma Phi Epsilon, the step which we heartily thank our pioneer brothers for taking. A paper was read upon the evolution of the chapter and its present standing and a gift of \$10 for the interests of the chapter was received from Brother Magnus, 1912.

We have been honored by visits from Brothers Creed, '11, and Collins, '14. Brother Creed, known better as "Jack" is a lieutenant in the regular army and has for some time been stationed on the border, where he no doubt saw quite a bit of hardship besides being a target for Mexican lead. He is now back in civilian life for three months prior to a period of service in China. Brother Collins, or "Batty," is in West Virginia we understand, and busy making good dams.

Brother Bush, '17, had a bit of hard luck the first of the year when he fell and hurt his back making it necessary for him to leave college.

In spite of hard times, the house has had a very prosperous year, as we are now financially independent after several years of struggle.

In closing, it could only be just to the spirit of Sigma Phi Epsilon to extend a hearty invitation to our sister chapters to visit us at any time.

Fraternally,

*W. E. Davis,*

VERMONT ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

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### ALABAMA ALPHA

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ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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Meets every Friday night in Chapter House at 7:30 o'clock,

Auburn, Alabama

For the last time during the scholastic year 1914-15 Alabama Alpha sends greetings to all of her sister chapters.

Baseball season has just started with a very successful outlook for Auburn. Brother Saunders and Brother Wall both stand good chances to make this team. Brother Bidez has been elected football captain for next year. Besides this  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is represented at Auburn in all other college activities. In the band, which is having a very successful year are Brother Bidez and Brother Whitfield; Brother Bidez being assistant leader. In the Glee Club which has also done credit to Auburn are Brother Bidez, who is secretary and treasurer, and Brother Steenhuis.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large:

Initiated 2/27/15:

Paul Reubens Bidez, Chem. & Med., Rockmont, Ga.

William Arnold Guess, Elec. '18, Greenwood, Miss.

Robert Lyle Thompson, Mining, '17, Birmingham, Ala.

James Withrow Webb, Elec. '17, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Initiated April 2, 1915:

John Andrew Shealy, Ag. '18, Mundin, La.

Clyde Houston Phillips, Elec. '18, Huntsville, Ala.

April 4, 1915:

William Mathew Stewart, Mech. '18, Birmingham, Ala.

We are pleased to say that all of these Brothers are full of Alabama Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit already and promise to make good men.

Since our last letter we have had visits from Brother Nelson who spent a week with us during the midyear dances, and Brother Struppa who came up with the Columbus Basket Ball team. Alabama Alpha certainly appreciates the visits of these Brothers and is always glad for any to visit us.

Wishing each member in the great brotherhood of Sigma Phi Epsilon the greatest success and happiness, we remain,

Fraternally,

*W. W. Wood,*

*Chapter Historian.*

ALABAMA ALPHA.

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## NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA

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### TRINITY COLLEGE

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Meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 in Chapter Rooms at Durham,  
North Carolina

In our last greeting to our sister chapters for this season, North Carolina Gamma finds herself at her highest standard and with the most beautiful prospects for the coming season. Since



our last letter many things have happened which have caused S. P. E. to make such wonderful strides of progress.

One of the biggest events which has happened in all our history was the "Cleaning Sweep" which we celebrated on Feb. 13, 1915, in form of initiation and the great pleasure has at last come when we can introduce these brothers at large. The following were initiated Feb. 13, 1915:

Joe Elwood Weatherly, Elizabeth City, N. C., Arts, '18.

Roy William Giles, Marion, N. C., Arts, '18.

Frank Love St. John, Johnson City, Tenn., Arts, '17.

Jesse Whitley Sauls, Kenly, N. C., Arts, '18.

Joe Irvine Tomlin, Statesville, N. C., Arts, '18.

Our annual banquet was held the same evening at 9:00. Gathered around the table at the Malbourne Hotel were found twenty-eight loyal S. P. E.'s with two pledges. Brother Cooper of Massachusetts Alpha acted as Toastmaster and the following programmed toasts were responded to:

E. E. Shore, "Welcome."

B. W. Evans, "Fraternity Ideals."

H. G. Isley, "Fraternity Life."

D. H. Fuller, "What S. P. E. Expects of You."

R. W. Giles, "The Goat."

Several responded in impromptu and never was so much of the S. P. E. spirit so freely floating amidst the atmosphere. Besides the local chapter, there were present Brothers Hodges, Cooper, Kramer, and Brinn from Beta and Brother Way from Waynesville, Johnson from Weldon, and Brother Edgerton from Macon.

Soon after this occasion we had the pleasure of introducing two more brothers into our chapter. On March 30 we initiated:

John Nicholas Hester, Arts, '18, Reidsville, N. C.

James Lee Crowell, Arts, '18, Concord, N. C.

These seven new men are of the best and have come to us highly recommended, and we are in a position to recommend them to the fraternity at large; for already have they shown that they are made of that frat material which makes a success of every chapter.

As baseball season is at its height, we find our old reliable on the pitcher's mound—Brother Kanipe. Again for his fourth year he shows his ability to hold first place, and already has he led our team to victory. Brothers Shore, Bond, and Giles made the squad and in all probability will get into the game before the season ends.

In track we find Brother Giles featuring. He is captain of the Freshman Track Team and after training his squad for a long time, he lead them to victory over the other classes. He is renowned for his vaulting and much is expected from him. He is on the Varsity in track. Again we are compelled to become personal and mention Brothers Hester and Giles as they have been appointed to the marshals' bench for commencement. Brother St. John was elected Freshman Editor of the Engineering Journal.

At our last election the following officers were elected—Hambrick, Nicholson, Giles, St. John, Smith, and Sauls.

A Theta Nu Epsilon initiation was held on April 1, and two of our brothers were honored by being selected for membership. Brothers Shore and Nicholson were the initiates with Brothers Fuller, Davenport, Bond, and Isley representing us as old members.

In closing we wish every sister the most successful "finals" and hope to see many "Strays" around here during commencement.

Fraternally,

*Hugh G. Isley,*

*Chapter Historian.*

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA

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### DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

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Regular meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:15 in Chapter Rooms, Bridgman Block, Hanover, New Hampshire

The volume of chapter letters for another year is about to be completed; another college year advances rapidly to its close; and throughout this country another delegation of Sigma Phi Epsilons leaves behind it, probably forever, the years devoted primarily to the pursuit of learning, to launch forth into the greater world of life, there to obtain that all-important quantity, an honest living, by the hard path of experience.

To New Hampshire Alpha this parting of the ways has a deep significance, for in another month thirteen brothers will have gone from this circle—to them this chapter owes much for their continual endeavor and devotion to her welfare and to the welfare of Sigma Phi Epsilon during the four years of their active membership. And so, to them, New Hampshire Alpha extends her best wishes for the greatest measure of suc-



cess in the years to come. At the same time, we know that in all our sister chapters brothers will be departing, and likewise to each of these brothers this chapter offers her best wishes for future prosperity. Let all these brothers remember that henceforth they are representatives, in the highest sense, of the fraternity whose badge they wear, and therefore that they cannot too highly regard the principles they cherish nor too carefully apply them in the future years.

At the present writing we have returned from our spring recess and its accompanying round of pleasures merely to anticipate more gaiety in the form of Junior Prom which comes the third week in May. Since this is the last Prom to be held in the spring, when Hanover appears at her best, the college as a unit is making every effort to have this event eclipse any previous one of its kind. Naturally our brothers are not to be outdone and are making great preparations to entertain the ladies.

After Prom comes the examinations, and then Commencement marks the close of the college year. In the intervals between these various events there will be many things to occupy our spare time.

Just at present New Hampshire Alpha is deeply interested and intensely active in an effort to secure a home of her own to be occupied next September. Of this matter her sister chapters will soon hear more fully, as we are about to enter upon a novel campaign to secure our home for which we have long been waiting but always working.

The Annual Record, the yearbook of this chapter, will be off the press about June 1. It will chronicle the activities of the chapter, collectively and individually, contain full accounts of our alumni scattered throughout the world, and bear a special message to our sister chapters.

Another brother has been added to our number in the person of

John Edward McDonough, '18, Arts, Portland, Maine.

"Mac" has already shown us that he has the qualifications of an "Al" Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Dartmouth's outlook for a winning season in baseball and track is excellent. Though the baseball team has several new members, it has the earmarks of a real nine. Dartmouth's hopes for success center particularly in her track men who form an aggregation of performers which on paper appears as formidable a combination as any entered in the Intercollegiates. If they live up to the expectations of their backers, the crown will be theirs. Our hockey team was second to none in the colleges; our basket ball team first.

Brothers "Chaunce" Hulbert, Sharp, "Chuck" Durgin, and Dinsmoor are candidates for the track team, while Brothers Brumby and "Chet" Hulbert, and Pledge Woleben are trying for berths on the freshman nine.

The Hulbert trio, Brothers "Chauce," "Chet," and "Woody," and Brother Sharp formed the chief strength of the chess team during the last season. Brother "Hunk" Stillman is heeling for a place on the editorial board of "The Aegis," the junior class publication, and is in the contest for an assistant managership of athletics.

Our chapter baseball experts have limbered up and are now perfecting their "inside game" in order to be contenders for the interfraternity pennant.

During the long months from Christmas to Easter, our social endeavors have served to brighten up matters here. Our freshmen gave us a minstrel show which the consensus of opinion proclaimed a miserable effort. "Feeds" Saturday evenings have brought the brothers together for a number of pleasant times; and Sunday evenings we have had informal talks by and chats with various members of the faculty.

Not least on our program of social endeavors have been three informal dances we have held of late. Though the fair sex is notably scarce in eligible members in Hanover, our brothers have had little difficulty in finding the necessary ladies to grace these functions and add every element contributing to make them a success.

Brother Francis Moncrief Qua, '11, of Lowell, Massachusetts, was a welcome visitor here March 26 and 27. He is one of those brothers who bring to the chapter the inspiration to renew its work and to strive for higher and yet higher attainments. Brother "Cherry" Dodge, Massachusetts Alpha, '12, has been with us for a month past, engaged in doctoring trees for the town and college. "Cherry" spends his days superintending the activities of his large shift of men, but noons and nights he entertains us most acceptably. Brother R. E. Davis, Massachusetts Alpha, '14, "Cherry's" partner, has been here, but departed to stir up more business.

This last greeting of the year bears to all our sister chapters our best wishes. May what we have accomplished this year serve only to advance the name and character of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

*Donald E. Law,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA**

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**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

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**Meets every Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock in Chapter House at  
Fifteenth and R. Street, Washington, D. C.**

With the coming of the first days of Spring, which has been unusually late here this year, and a few breaths of its balmy air, refreshing indeed after months of cold and darkness, it has struck me that it marks also the beginning of a new period in the college year. From this time until the close of the year, we shall only be occupied with the exertion of the last stretch, in which pursuit we are only distracted by irrepressible thoughts of the summer and the Potomac, for it has an appeal for most of us and we cannot but dream of it now—the atmosphere is so ripe for it. While there will be no immediate opportunity to present the history of the chapter during the last six or seven weeks, it is not much to be concerned about, for it can be predicted quite accurately at this time by merely painting it as a picture of earnest and perspiring youth under the midnight oil mustering together his few grains of wisdom for a final response to the questions that will be propounded to him in the last days of May, groping for knowledge and trusting to luck. It will be six or seven weeks of serious business, mixed perhaps with apprehension. Oh! What a dearth of gravity it will induce into our little crowd, and how quickly it will be shaken off with the first paddle on the river.

While the period just after Christmas was necessarily dull, activities have been on the boom recently, and it is with gratification that I can report several things of particular cheerfulness to ourselves, and in which our brothers will join us, I'm sure. At the annual George Washington meet, there was the usual interfraternity relay, and it was the usual story of Sigma Phi Epsilon coming home with the trophy. It seems as if we have so undignified in some instances as to challenge us to a back alley relay, just to demonstrate that they really could beat us. Of a particular faculty for winning this, much to the impatience and general disheartenment of our competitors, who were actually course such a proposition only added to their further discomfort, for we, in our glory, couldn't take cognizance of such informal challenges. Our house is now quite uniformly distributed with the coveted shields, for which we thank our past good runners, and our latest victors. As athletic activity in our school consists

mainly in this meet and basket ball, we consider that we have received a goodly share of the honors. In interfraternity bowling, we entered without much hope of ever attaining a high standing, in view of some of the stalwart Deutsche-like forms of Sigma Chi and some of our other competitors, which forms have proven for ages to be just the thing for bowling. However, we have by the speculative combination of wholly brilliant and wholly hopeless bowling maintained an average that is quite respectable. Brother Hamack, unequalled for his optimism still sees nothing ahead of him but victory. The percentage figures mean nothing to him—they lie.

At the recent election of officers for the college year 1915-1916, the following were chosen: President, J. S. Payne; Vice President, Erwin Harsch; Treasurer, L. B. Foster; Secretary, Harold Brown; House Manager, Frank Hamack; Assistant House Manager, Leo Merryman; Historian, D. A. Connor; Interfraternity delegate, Arthur Wooley; Marshals, Manuel de Agüero and Howard Scott.

March 17th was the gala night of the year for D. C. Alpha, the night of our annual banquet, when all Sigs that are in any way accessible get together to sing songs and eat, spread good cheer, and to give the election of our new officers an auspicious setting. It was held at the University Club, and very pleasingly planned by the committee in charge, who furnished an excellent menu, and some novel feats in the way of entertainment. Our new President, Brother Payne, gave an impressive talk on the future of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and spoke of the success of the chapter during the incumbency of Brother Elkins, who was unfortunately absent, and couldn't speak for himself. Brother Bill Phillips was there, and conducted us over a very extended itinerary, as extended as it could be without leaving the United States. In the course of this he stopped off at every Sigma Phi Epsilon house in the country, and seemed to bring home to us in the most intimate manner our brothers of other schools. It seemed as if he had a personal message from all, so much more effective than what we receive through print. It is to be regretted that Brother Bill cannot give us these talks more frequently, for we feel the closeness of the fraternity relation ever so much more strongly when he does. Brother Kruger rendered a few songs, and Brother Plummer startled us with a dramatic recital of a very touching poem. Brothers Hamack and Merryman made an honest effort at a minstrel sketch, and were successful in their complete failure, for everyone enjoyed the numerous hitches that developed immensely. Brother Hamack also



told how a goat is messed up and what he does to regain his decency.

We have recently pledged to our fraternity Roger Brown and Benjamin Cruikshanks. Roger Brown is a brother of Harold and Earl Brown, and he needs no further endorsement. Mr. Cruikshanks has been known to a number of our boys for some time, and is a particular friend of Brother Fred Clark, of Delaware Alpha. Inasmuch as our initiates of last fall did not get into print, we are giving at this time a complete list of the initiates of the year. They have proved a sturdy bunch, and will undoubtedly furnish the support that D. C. Alpha wants of them:

Frank H. Hamack	Clarence S. Hunter
Leo A. Merryman	Arthur P. Starr
Manuel deAgüero	Charles M. Myers
Kennard Ware	Roger Brown
Howard Scott	Benj. Cruikshanks
Wm. Deutermann	

With prospect of summer quite vivid, we wish to urge upon our brothers to plan a vacation that will embrace Washington, and get around to see us. There will be many undoubtedly who cannot go to the fair, and who have not as yet visited the capital of their nation, although this is something which every good citizen ought to do, and in which he will find much interest and satisfaction. Our house is very much alive in summer as well as any other time, and we can assure anyone so considering the proposition a very enjoyable stay.

Fraternally,

*Daniel A. Connor,*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

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## KANSAS ALPHA

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### BAKER UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Monday at 7:30 p. m., at the Chapter House, 602 Ninth Street, Baldwin, Kansas

With the end of the school year only a few weeks off, activities in every line are at their height, and everybody is getting ready for the final wind up. We have received the grades for the first semester, and find the standing of our fraternity far above the average. The calculations just completed use "300"

as the basis for relative comparison, and this number "300" represents the grade "g." The relative scholarship index for certain groups is as follows:

All students.....	306.59
Men students .....	296.37
All fraternity students .....	313.09
Σ Φ E students .....	326.66

This standing is not published publicly but sent individually to each frat, and by comparing notes with the other frats we find our rank is first.

In track Σ Φ E is well represented. In our meet with the Kansas State Normal last week, Brother Walter Scott was high-point man for Baker, and Brother Havighurst was the bright star in the relay team.

In baseball Pledge Armel performs as receiver behind the bat, and Brother Armstrong is used for general utility man. Baker has won all her games so far, having beaten Lindsburg and the Haskell Indians. A fraternity Baseball League has been organized, and the Sig Eps bid high for first place.

In debate Baker has won three out of four contests. Brother Freeman Havighurst captains his team and is always an important factor in pulling the team through to victory.

Brother Urner entered the Neff Prize Declamation Contest and performed like a real orator. Although he did not get first place, his oration, The Polish Boy, was exceptionally well given and commanded the undivided attention of the audience.

The Spring Music Festival under the direction of Professor M. D. Geere was staged last week with its usual high quality of music. The student Festival Chorus, Orchestra, and Glee Club were important features and found Σ Φ E well represented.

The Δ Δ Δ Musical, the A × Ω Spring Party and the Z T A Informal were remarkable successes, and the Sig Eps in attendance report unusually good times. The Eleventh Annual "Stag" Banquet of the fraternity will be held on Saturday, May 29th. This is the annual home-coming of the alumni, and a record-breaking crowd is expected this year. Visitors from other chapters are cordially invited to attend this affair.

Fred and Chas. Price, both active alumni of Kansas Alpha, recently moved to Columbia, Mo., where they have bought one of the leading newspapers of that place. They are greatly missed by the boys here, but we keep in close touch with them through the mail.

The bunch have all had their pictures taken for a new panel which will probably be finished in about a week. The boys put



on a little extra and had them taken in their dress suits, so the pictures are unusually good.

Kansas Alpha has several new songs ready for the new song book and is very much interested in seeing this publication out by the beginning of school next year. We need song books badly and hope that this undertaking will not fall through with.

Visitors from sister chapters will find a cordial welcome here. The house is always open.

Fraternally,

*Lloyd W. Scott,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

KANSAS ALPHA.

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### CALIFORNIA ALPHA

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#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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**Meets every Monday 7:15 p. m. in the Chapter House 1711 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Phone Berkeley 3088.**

At the time of this writing we are anxiously awaiting the final examinations only two weeks hence. It is the policy of our University to begin early and close early and, as to closing early we have no objections. With the end of college there are many events of interest to make the boys tarry a while before returning to their folks and sweethearts at home.

On May 8th the biggest reunion ever of U. of C. Alumni will take place. Fifty classes of alumni will gather in Berkeley and from thence journey by special trains and boats to the Exposition, where great festivities will take place.

We are at present more deeply interested in our annual track meet with Stanford on April 17th. This is the big track event of the year. At present the Universities are quite evenly matched; California probably has the edge on Stanford. From a student body of over 3000 men, living in thirty-seven fraternities and in private boarding places we consider ourselves fortunate to have two men on this team of California's thirty best athletes. Karl Shattuck has heaved the hammer over 170 feet during the preliminary season and hopes to come near the 180 mark Saturday. Johnnie Benton has been picked as one of the contestants in the mile, thereby winning his stripe.

Another coming event of interest is the production of "Richelieu" by the English Club. Brothers Caldwell and Leavy have, by hard work, secured the second and third leads in the

big production. Brother Robertson is also taking a part. We are sure that these Brothers will make names for themselves on the college stage.

A social event long to be remembered was a dance at the Oregon Building on the Exposition grounds. Brother Staebli Ex. '16, now with the Portland Oregonian Newspaper and their representative of the firm, was the host at his State's Building on April 3rd. We owned the building for the night.

A few weeks back the annual election of officers for the next year took place. The results were as follows: Ebbe A. Brelin, President; William E. Himmelman, Vice-President; Allyn G. Smith, Secretary; Maurice H. Knowles, Treasurer; Orville R. Caldwell, Historian; Nicholas T. Scorsur, Guard; Gus A. Brelin and Floyd T. McKune, Marshals. Never during the history of the local chapter has the house progressed financially and otherwise as it has during the past year. We know and feel that the progress will be greater next year.

The Fraternity had the pleasure of initiating William Simms Kienholz for Washington Alpha at Pullman. Brother Kienholz was one of the charter members of Beta Alpha Local which became Washington Alpha. He is now engaged as supervisor of Agriculture in the Pasadena schools. He is certainly an acquisition to the Fraternity and a man to whom we look for much help in obtaining desirable freshmen.

In a separate article we are sending our plans of entertainment offered to visiting brothers during the summer. Read this article carefully, plan your vacation accordingly and let any and all alumni brothers know about it. Even though you may not be in San Francisco at that time we will be glad to help you find suitable accommodations at any time.

Wishing you all pleasant vacations,

Fraternally,

C. L. Thiele,

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

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## NEBRASKA ALPHA

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### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

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Meets every Monday evening, 7:00 p. m. at Chapter House, 1319 Q.  
Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Nebraska Alpha is just preparing to entertain her alumni who will return in a few days to help celebrate the Fourth Anniversary of Nebraska Alpha. On Friday night, April 23, will occur the



annual banquet at the Chapter house. The feature of the evening will be a gridiron stunt pulled off by the lawyers of the bunch. Brother Doolittle has secured two twenty-pound porkers and will roast them and place them on the table, where they will probably remain for about fifteen minutes. On Saturday night we will hold our formal party at the Rosweide Party House. It will be in the form of a dinner dance with Cabaret features between courses. In fact this whole week will be a week of entertainment for the older men who will return.

A committee has been appointed and is working continuously in preparation for our Mother's Day entertainment. This has grown to be one of the traditions of the fraternity, to set aside one day of the year to entertain mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters at the fraternity house. A program is given, a light lunch is served and favors are given to each mother present. Last year mothers and fathers came from everywhere, including one mother from Winnipeg, Canada. There were seventy guests last year and this year we hope to have two hundred. Wishing you all a prosperous finish of the year and a pleasant vacation we

Faternally,

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

*Burke W. Taylor,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## WASHINGTON ALPHA

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### WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

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Meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 in the Chapter House, 511  
Colorado St., Pullman, Washington

Washington Alpha is closing one of her most successful years, only two more months remaining until we separate for the summer. We send out four seniors this year, Emory Alvord and Hermann Engelland in Agriculture, George Gorrest in Mining Engineering and "Billy" Smith in Economics Science and History. Of the remaining boys most of them plan to come back though the usual mortality will probably cause many to stay out a year or so. We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large

Milton B. Snodgrass, Mechanical Engineering, Burley,  
Idaho.

Brother Snodgrass was absent on the Glee Club trip when the rest of the boys went through, singing first tenor on the college quartet.

Athletics are booming at Washington State. Fine spring weather has made ideal training conditions and Captain Dietz of the track team has had his men out for over two months. Dietz himself is looking better than ever this year and promises to make his last a banner one. Pledge Smith is the best prospect in the two mile so far and if nothing happens to him he should make himself heard from. Captain Melrose has charge of the Tennis squad on which are the two Passmores and Henry Turner, all promising men, "Pink" Passmore being a last year's "W" man. "Pink" is making a great run for the baseball team also and Bangs, "Billy" Smith and Jerard are also contenders for places.

"Billy" Smith helped win a unanimous decision against the State University in debate recently, thereby gaining the debate monogram.

The annual Installation Anniversary ball was held February 27, and was in every way a delightful affair. Fewer of the "Old Boys" were back than usual but many sent their best wishes and regrets.

Brother "Pink" Passmore just sent his Chinook, the Junior Annual to press and Brother Croonquist has assumed his duties as manager of the 1917 book. Brother Waldo Passmore has been pledged to Alpha Zeta, the honorary Agriculture fraternity.

Sigma Phi qualified for the semifinals in the Interfrat Baseball League and as there were five teams in the semifinals we drew a "bye" and now are to play the Sig Alphas to enter the Finals against the Sigma Nus.

This is the last word Washington Alpha will have an opportunity to send to the Eastern Brothers before they come west to the Frisco Fair and we wish to assure them that if any should stray north that we will be pleased to entertain them as best we can. We have a big West out here and are anxious for you to see and like it.

Hoping that the year of every chapter can close as successfully as that of Washington Alpha promises to close,

Fraternally,

*Lee C. Lewis,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

WASHINGTON ALPHA,



**MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA**

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**MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**

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**Meets every Monday evening in Chapter Hall, North Dormitory,  
Amherst, Massachusetts**

Since our last letter to the Journal, the members of Massachusetts Alpha have been enjoying the good things of life in the shape of Proms, vacations and sundry other forms of amusement of a like nature. One of our annual affairs in the shape of Parents day was held on April 10 and was well up to the standard of last year's successful effort. The mothers and fathers who were present were unanimous in expressing their appreciation of the good time that they enjoyed as the guests of the chapter.

Our annual initiation banquet was held on the evening of March 5 at the Plymouth Inn in Northampton and we were fortunate to have as our guests a number of returning alumni. Brother Caldwell, ex. '13, and New York Beta, '14, managed to shake off his running togs long enough to be with us and to tell us how they used to do it when he was an undergraduate. Among the others of those who have gone out who saw fit to honor us with their presence were Brothers Davis, Clark, Taylor and "Rod" Harris, '14, Brothers "Burt" Harris and Hutchings, '13 and Brother Raymond, '12. Brother Griswold, ex. '17, was also present. Another recent visitor was Brother Chick Allen, '13 who got back for a few days. At the recent evangelical campaign held at the college, Brother Reueman, New York Alpha, '13, was one of the leading lights and showed that Sigma Phi Epsilon will not take a back seat in any line of endeavor.

The brothers have been active in college activities since the last letter and have won places in many lines. Brothers \_\_\_\_\_ and Nicholson, '16 accompanied the glee club on a recent extended trip. Brother Cushing, '16 was a member of the orchestra and Brother Mattoon was with the mandolin club. Brother Pike, '15 is a leading candidate for pitcher and shapes up as the best mound artist of the dozen candidates. Brother Barnes was recently elected as a member of the Collegian board, the college weekly. Brother Masse, '15 was chosen Campus orator and Brother Cande was chosen Ivy orator for commencement. Brother Baker was the winner of the two mile run in the interclass games and shapes up as likely varsity material. Brother Harrocks was a member of one of our two winning debating teams.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large  
Brooks Light, '17, B.Sc., Milton, Mass.

Brother Light is a new man on the campus this year and is already a popular and willing worker for the bunch.

Since it will be possible for the chapter to pledge men on the first of May, we are watching a number of good men whom we feel sure will be a credit to our chapter and to the fraternity. In closing this, our last letter of the year we can only say that we hope that all the other years may bring as much to Massachusetts Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon as this one has done.

Faternally,

*Thomas L. Harrocks,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

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## NEW YORK BETA

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### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every Sunday night at 6:45 p. m. at the Lodge, 112  
Edgemoor Lane, Ithaca, New York**

Since our last chapter letter we have had another initiation and it is with pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity the following brothers:

Initiated on March 25th.

Henry Waddell Conner, Agr. '17, St. Paul, Minn.

Howard William Hock, Chem. '17, Cressona, Penn.

Harmon Martin Malony, M.E. '17, Philadelphia, Pa.

Burdge Ogden Bushnell, M.E. '17, New Haven, Conn.

They are all men of whom Sigma Phi Epsilon will be proud and we are confident that they will bring honor to our fraternity.

The initiation banquet which followed on March 27 was a big success. Besides the forty active members there were some ten alumni to join in wishing the new men welcome. It was a big night and one which will be long remembered by all the brothers.

During the past few months our bowling team captained by Brother "Vic" Klee won the interfraternity bowling championship. There were fourteen fraternities entered in the match. The contest was very close throughout the season and ended in a tie with Omega Delta but in the post season games to decide the winner of the handsome silver trophy our team came through



and easily winner. In appreciation of the work the team did, the house gave them a "feed" downtown. Brother Klee has since been elected manager of the house baseball team and we hope he will have as much success in that line as he showed us in bowling.

In activities we are being well represented, having more men out than ever before. We have Brothers Cooper, Gates and Morey making strong bids for the track, minor sports and football competitions respectively. In track we have Brothers Me-haffey, Cheney, Smith, Holstrom, Conner, Hock, Malony and Baugher. The freshman baseball squad has just been called out and in this sport we are represented by Brothers Malcolm, Rowland, Weillepp, Inscho, Ryerson and Toll.

Brother Lawson, '13 has successfully passed the preliminary examination of the American Academy in Rome in the school of Landscape Architecture. He is now one of the four who try the final examination for the fellowship. We are wishing "Ed" all kinds of luck and hope to see him "a fellow" in Rome for the next three years.

The close of the spring recess starts us on the last "lap" of the year when the outgoing officers will hand over their duties to the following brothers who will take office on April 11.

R. D. Abbott, '16.

A. P. Hoffman, '16.

S. G. Smith, '16.

M. A. Mosher, '16.

H. W. Conner, '17.

V. L. Klee, '16.

C. S. Cooper, '17.

C. E. Gates, '17.

Ralph Hicks, '17.

One of the big things left to do this year is to get a line on subfreshmen for next fall. The increasing competition among the fraternities on the hill together with the opening of the new dormitories next fall makes this necessary. We therefore ask our sister chapters to send us the names of prospective freshmen who intend to enter next fall and if possible get them to visit Cornell, or better yet bring them with you. In the past year we have had the pleasure of entertaining a few brothers from sister chapters and we hope to see more make this their headquarters when in the vicinity.

In conclusion, New York Beta sends her last greetings for the school year. To the men who graduate, we wish them every

success in their chosen lines of work and to all we wish a pleasant vacation.

Fraternally,

*R. Alvin Booth,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

NEW YORK BETA.

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## RHODE ISLAND ALPHA

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### BROWN UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Monday at 8:00 p. m. in Fraternity Rooms in  
Caswell Hall

Rhode Island Alpha in her last letter of the year 1914-1915 sends hearty greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them all kinds of luck in the final examinations and the best of summer vacations in this neutral United States.

On St. Patrick's Day evening, we held our second informal dance of the year in our chapter rooms. They were decorated in typical St. Patrick's Day style and a mammoth clay pipe was hung from the center of our large meeting room with emerald green ribbon. Green and white ice-cream decorated with tiny silk Irish flags and small cakes with green icing were served for refreshments. To show that we were not entirely Irish, we served orange-ade punch for liquid refreshments. Several of our grads attended and all agreed that the evening was a success.

Since our last letter we have initiated a new brother into the fraternity and take this place to introduce

Irving Thayer Boardman

of the class of 1914 to the fraternity at large. Brother Boardman is taking a graduate course in pedagogy and last June received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is a candidate for the Master of Arts degree. In his senior year he was the only member of his class who was successful in a special examination to win one of the Lucius Lyon Premiums in Latin, of which there are three.

Rhode Island Alpha has also been quite fortunate in pledging for Honorary Membership, Dr. Alexander Marshall of the class of 1888. Dr. Marshall is the father of our freshman brother, Julian Brewer Marshall. He has shown a great deal of interest in our fraternity since his son has become one of us and has royally entertained several members of our chapter at his home in Ashton, Rhode Island. Dr. Marshall is not only a physician



but is the leading man in his community both in politics and social affairs. He has found time, between his hours of practice and his stolen naps, to represent his community in both the town council and the state legislature. His whole life has been devoted to curing the personal ills of his patients and the political ills of his town. He is indeed a most worthy and public spirited citizen and the most worthy to become a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He will be initiated shortly before this letter is printed.

Brother Howard Perrin, '14 has recovered from his recent illness and surprised us one day by walking in upon us as if he had never been sick. He expects to return to his work in New Haven soon.

Brother "Hunk" Stillman of Dartmouth paid us a short visit during the Spring Vacation and we were mighty glad to see him. Come again "Hunk" and stay longer. Indeed we are always to have visitors like "Hunk" and we hope that many other brothers will take time to call if they are in town.

Brothers Nelson Barlow, '17 and "Ward" Leonard, '18 are trying out for the Varsity baseball team; and every brother in our chapter is practicing daily for our team in the Interfraternity League.

On Class Day evening, June 14th, we shall hold our annual Class Night Dance in the Churchill House and our mothers will be the patronesses.

In closing, we wish to say that Rhode Island Alpha has passed a most successful year holding to our firm policy of "Better this year than last."

Yours Fraternaly,

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

*Newton P. Leonard,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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### MICHIGAN ALPHA

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. in the Chapter House, 1335  
South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Michigan Alpha again greets her sister chapters at the eve of the Spring recess. However because of the distant homes of many of the brothers there will be a large delegation left to keep Bachelors hall at the chapter house.

We take great pleasure in introducing the following initiates to the fraternity at large:

George E. Adams, Buchanan, Mich., '15, Lit.  
Clyde Hum, Grayling, Mich., '16, Eng.  
Mason H. Kinch Port Huron, Mich., '15, Eng.  
John F. Jordan, Johnsonburg, Pa., '15, Lit., '17, Law.  
Kenneth Boucher Jackson, Mich., '15, Lit.  
Irving A. Ellison, Williamsport, Pa., '18, Eng.  
Thomas Shehan, Detroit, Mich., '16, Eng.  
Neil J. Andrews, Wancedah Mich., '18, Eng.  
Stanley Robinson, Hillsdale, Mich., '16, Medic.  
Leslie Whalen, Muskegan, Mich., '18 Lit., '21 Med.  
Leslie Field, Manistee, Mich., '18, Lit. '21, Medic.  
Francis Emmons, Muskegan, Mich., '17, Eng.

Several of these new brothers, of whom we are very proud, are prominent men upon the campus. Brothers Adams and Hum are members of the Roundup Club a local social organization. Brother Boucher is a member of famous Mandolin and Glee Club and both he and field are members of the University Band.

Brother Whalen a "200 pounder" aroused much comment as guard on the "All Fresh" football team last year and promises good Varsity material for the future. Brother Jordan, a diligent Y. M. C. A. worker, is a member of the Editorial staff of the University daily paper and a social lion.

Brother Christianson won his numerals as Rover on the campus championship Hockey team for which he also acted as manager.

The Baseball season opens with the spring trip through the South which begins at the spring vacation. Brothers Lyons and Dablich were out for the early tryouts but were forced to withdraw because of their heavy scholastic Programmes.

Our scholarship campaign brought more than favorable results last semester and judging from the present progress we will be among the best on the official fraternity scholarship list for this year.

Brother Hughes, dancing director of the Michigan Union Opera is with the amateur troop on their tour to Chicago, Detroit, Jackson and Toledo.

Old "Crab" Metzger is still on the job, predicting in his speech at our initiation banquet that much evil influence was removed by the graduation of Brother Holmes in February and that our freshmen will grow into more successful students under the ideal conditions which now exist—under his dominion.



In conclusion we wish our many chapters success in their spring activity,

*Philip E. Bond,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
MICHIGAN ALPHA.

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## IOWA ALPHA

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### IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

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Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at the Chapter House,  
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

Study, fussing and athletics is the order of the year at Wesleyan. Senior men are grinding out theses and our Freshmen are busy building argument for the annual debate with Knox College. Everyone seems bent on making the best possible showing on the last lap of the college year.

Selections for places on the Senior class play have been posted and the following Sig Eps will appear behind the footlights in, "As You Like It": Floyd Hagie, Duke Frederick; Percy Caris, La Beau; Columbus Hayes, Adam; Stanley Newell, Corin. The play is to be given the middle of June in an outdoor amphitheater erected especially for the occasion and will take the place of the annual dramatic production. In addition to honor the play will mean hard work and intensive study.

The curtain is being slowly drawn over oratory and debate for the current year. Our greatest victory was that of Brother Churley Bloomquist at the Iowa State oratorical contest. In a close contest he secured second place losing the coveted first by only one point. In the past three years the chapter has won two firsts and one second in state oratoricals. The honor roll being Brothers, Heller, Newell and Bloomquist. It is a record of which we are justly proud and which we intend to maintain. With more hard work and a chance next year we are sure Brother Bloomquist will capture first. In college debate Brothers Johnson and Weston were the backbone of the home team which wrested a three-to-nothing victory from Upper Iowa University. The negative team on the same question were forced to take the small end of a two-to-one decision from Simpson College. Brother Jay Hunter was our representative on the team. Two of six Freshmen debaters are Sigma Phi Epsilon pledges.

Brothers Hayes, Caris and Marsh are out for baseball and will make places in the outfield gardens. They are all experienced men and will well uphold the fraternity in this branch of sport. We had hoped to have a man in the heart of the diamond this year but must be content with berths in the out field. Last year Brother Marsh led the team in batting, swinging the club to the tune of three hundred and five per cent. In the tryouts for the two mile relay team Brother Stuckey and an agile pledge made places. They will compete at the Drake University Invitation meet the seventeenth of April. They are the first Sigma Phi Epsilons to represent us in track work and we rejoice in their success.

Brother Edward Wahl has been elected President of the Y. M. C. A. for the coming year. Because of his activity in christian work he is well qualified for the place. His athletic and forensic ability gives him an enviable place on the campus and he will be a great force for good among the men next year. The office is a fitting climax to three years of active christian work. Brothers Kemble and Weston will be associated with him as cabinet members.

We take this opportunity to introduce to the fraternity at large:

Ralph Glen Stuckey, Arts, '18, Moulton, Iowa.

Brother Stuckey has taken a great interest in fraternity affairs. As a freshman he has a permanent place on the track squad and is our most likely candidate for membership in Iota Phi, honorary scholastic fraternity.

Iowa Alpha wishes to announce the engagements of Brother Albert Neutzman, '13, to Miss Ruby Hogle; Brother Carl A. Edblom, '17, to Miss Ruth Scoles; Brother Harold M. McCargar, '17, to Miss Hattie Wolf, Alpha Xi Delta. Brother Ed Hagie, '13, of Pleasant Valley Mont., announces the birth of Frederick Edward, April 17, who topples the timber at eight and one-half pounds.

May all brothers enjoy a pleasant and profitable summer.

Fraternally,

IOWA ALPHA.

*Edward F. Weston,*  
*Chapter Historian.*



**COLORADO BETA**

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**UNIVERSITY OF DENVER**

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Meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m. at the Chapter House,  
1939 E. Evans Street, Denver Colorado

In the last two months of any school year, scholastic, social and athletic events come in a most bewildering rapid succession. Especially is this true of the Seniors. We have seven Seniors in our chapter this year and they are seven of the busiest men in college. Each and everyone of them expects to continue his work as a loyal Sigma Phi Epsilon, so we will hear from them again as alumni.

Four of our men are now finishing terms as the Presidents of four of the livest organizations of Denver University. Brother Ward Miller is president of the Phi Alpha Literary Society; Brother Rice, of the Scroll and Torch; Brother Williams, of the Senior Dents; and Brother Reeves, of the Spanish Club.

We are pleased to announce four new brothers;

Jean Montgomery Ragsdale, Arts '18, Canon City, Colorado.

Albert Bruce Thomas, Arts '17, Canon City, Colorado.

Clinton Lewis Rice, Arts '15, Wray, Colorado.

Joseph Eaton, Arts '17, Eaton, Colorado.

We also have six pledges, and one of these, Allsworth, is a member of the Debating Team which meets Kansas Wesleyan, and one of the leading characters in the Drama Club Play. Two of the others have enviable reputations as high school football players. All six are good scouts and will be valuable to the chapter.

The past week has been a big one for all of us in Colorado. On Thursday, April 15, Colorado Alpha, Colorado Beta and the Denver Alumni gave a formal dance at the Brown Palace Hotel, which was one of the finest dances given by any fraternity in this state for some time. At the dinner at midnight, each lady was presented with a silver  $\Sigma \Phi E$  hat pin, and while speaking of the ladies—words fail us at this point—a whole deck of queens and then some. Some of them seemed to stand ace high with the boys, too, as several were decorated with that golden heart we all so prize. On the next evening, Colorado Beta entertained the Colorado Alpha brothers very informally at a smoker, some lively wrestling and boxing matches furnishing the entertainment. On Saturday evening, the last event of our celebration, was a banquet at the Albany Hotel. Grand Vice President Knauss and Grand

Treasurer Wingett both responded to toasts when called upon by Toastmaster Healy. Brothers Minor, McDonough, Flynn and Dunklee of Colorado Alpha; Brothers Miller, Reeves and Atkinson of our chapter; Brother Price of Kansas Alpha and Brother Sawtell of Georgia Alpha completed the Toast List. This jolly Southerner led that Conclave Song in great style.

Brother Lyman Bingham has charge of all the weight men on the track team this spring. Watch the papers for his own record. Brothers Glenn Bingham, Preston and Weinberg, our two-hundred-pound "Kaiser" are all making good on the squad. Brother Preston expects to lead his Soph relay team to victory on May Day, thereby claiming the honor of naming the Queen of the May, but the Senior and Freshmen dispute him. Brother Rominger is on the baseball squad and has just finished editing the athletic section of the Annual. Brother Reeves is managing the Senior Play and both he and Brother Miller are in the cast. Brother "Johnie" Price plays the cornet in both the Band and the Orchestra.

A "Mothers Day" is to be a new feature with us this term and we expect to join Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Sigma in chartering a train for a big interfraternity picnic.

We conclude by wishing that each Sigma Phi Epsilon may finish the year with glory to himself and our fraternity.

Faternally,

COLORADO BETA.

C. L. Rice,  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## TENNESSEE ALPHA

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### UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

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**Meets every Sunday Afternoon at Chapter House, Knoxville, Tenn.**

Since our last report to the Journal we have had our initiation and take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following brothers:

John G. McGeeLee, A. B., '17, Decatur, Ala.

William M. Johnson, C. E., '18, Knoxville, Tenn.

R. J. DeFord, A. B., '18, Savannah, Tenn.

Ollie B. Rippey, C. E., '18, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

Randall Eagle, A. B., '18, Sporta, Tenn.

Ralph Cate, A. B., '18, Newport, Tenn.

In these brothers we have obtained men who will strive to advance the standing of our chapter in every way possible.



At present our chapter roll is twenty-three and from this number we have men representing us in most all our college activities, as well as many of the best students here.

Brothers Thomason and Gilbreth are members of this year's baseball squad and Fred promises to be the leading batter again this year. Last year his swatting average of 527 was probably the best of any of our college ball players.

Brother Baker is doing the mile on the track team again this year and promises to do better this year than last. Brothers Suevle and Bowers are trying hard for places on the team and will doubtless succeed. Big Vowell is managing a part of the circus for this spring, and "Big Un" is getting up some real live stunts. Brother Evans is captain of the leading company here and if he returns for post-graduate work next year he will be major of the battalion. Brother Bibb is president of the junior law class. Brothers J. C. Thomason, Haid, Evans and Baker are members of our honorary fraternities here and next year we shall have several other men who will get bids to these.

Brother Malone is assistant manager of the baseball team, member of Debating Council and debator for the South Carolina-Tennessee debate. Five of our men made the honor roll for last term. At present we are making our preparations for next year and hope to do even better than we have this year.

We are now getting ready for our last dance of the year, which is to take place in about two weeks, and we are going to make this the best "hop" of the whole year.

Several of the brothers will be here during the summer and if any of the "fellows" from other chapters are passing through, will be glad if they will look them up.

With best wishes for a happy vacation.

Fraternally,

TENNESSEE ALPHA.

*E. H. Malone,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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### MISSOURI ALPHA

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### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

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Meets every Sunday night in the Chapter House, 1409 Rosemary Lane, Columbia, Mo. Visitors always welcome

As the year comes to a close and we look back over our successes and our failures, we can see perhaps a great many of both, but the successes far outnumber the failures. That we have been successful in a great many lines of endeavor was fully evi-

dent at our Annual Installation Banquet on April the tenth, when a look backward and forward was taken. Thirty-two men, active, alumnae and pledges sat at the table and disposed of the feast, then heard much discussion about Sigma Phi Epsilon, her chapters, and the fraternity situation generally. The alumnae members present were Brothers Arther Sames of Centralia and "Jack" Kennan of Thompson. Brothers Fred and Chas. Price of Kansas Alpha were present also and added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

We were glad to have visits during the past month from Brother S. J. Smith of Kinderhook, Ill., and from Brother "Nig" Porter of Montgomery City. During the later part of March we had a very pleasant visit from Brother McCargar and Pledge Moats of Iowa Alpha.

On April 12 we initiated two men of sterling worth who will, we are sure, reflect credit upon Sigma Phi Epsilon and Missouri Alpha.

We wish to introduce:

Lee Roy Johnson, Farmington, Mo., '17, Agri.

Lisle Jeffries Wormington, Monett, Mo., '16, Agri.

Brother Wormington is a member of the Glee Club and both are very popular around school.

Brother Paul Wilson is playing on the Tiger Baseball team this year and Brother Libbey was a member of the Basket ball squad that came so very near taking the Missouri Valley championship. Brother Crutchfield has been elected to M. S. U., the oldest and most select debating club of the University, while Brother Greever is a member of the Scalpel Club, an honorary medical society.

Our social activities at the Chapter House since our last letter are comprised of a dance, and a dinner party given to several of the fair ones of Stephens College. The dinner for the Stephens girls was a very enjoyable affair, for the ties of friendship between some of the girls and a few of our men are rather strong.

New officers have been elected for the ensuing year, as follows:

Harrison;  
Hopkins;  
Black;  
Crutchfield;  
Koontz;  
Johnson.

The prospects for the next year are good. We believe that the beginning of the next school year will find a large number of



the old men in the saddle ready to start the rushing season with all the vim and energy required to make it a success. We are fortunate in having with us Brothers Fred and Charles Price of Kansas Alpha, who now own and publish the Columbia Times. It is an enviable distinction to have in our house one of the Grand Officers, and already his counsel and constructive influence has been of great value to us.

In closing we wish for the graduating brothers success in their every line of endeavor. May they always remember the "dear old Frat" and work for its advancement whenever the opportunity presents itself. To all the chapters we wish a very happy vacation and a highly successful rushing season next fall.

Faternally,

MISSOURI ALPHA.

*Boyd L. Greever,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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### WISCONSIN ALPHA

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#### LAWRENCE COLLEGE

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Meets every Monday at 7:30 in Chapter House at 690, Lawrence Street, Appleton, Wis.

Greetings to the brothers of the other chapters.

We are drawing near the end of one of the most eventful school years that we have ever experienced. Of course our installation into the national fraternity was the greatest event, but in addition to this we have been unusually successful in all branches of school activity.

During the first of the year we were well represented on the football and basket ball teams, both of which were again carried off the intercollegiate championship of the state.

The Glee Club has just completed the most successful tour in its history; its itinerary consisting of twenty-seven engagements and covering something like one thousand two hundred miles. Seven of our members were in the club this year.

The debating team which recently defeated Albion was composed entirely of Sigmas. Brothers Ford, Franzke and Moody turned the trick and won a unanimous decision over their opponents.

Brother Ford has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and Brother Bouchard has recently become a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, the honorary forensic fraternity.

In the Pentathlon, the annual indoor interclass track meet, brothers Bouchard and MacInnis were second and third high men with nineteen and thirteen points respectively. Besides these many others of our men won trophies in the various events. We won more points than all the other fraternities combined.

This year's track team bids fair to be up to the previous high standard. Four of our men are already members and there is little doubt but that several more will make it.

Brother MacInnis has just lately been elected to the presidency of the Y. M. C. A., a position for which he is peculiarly fitted.

Every year at the close of school in June the various fraternities and sororties go up to the lakes at Waupaca to enjoy a week of camp life. It is a week of unalloyed pleasure, with its canoeing, fishing, swimming, dancing and all sorts of amusements; one which we all anticipate with keenest delight.

Our yachting excursion, which is an annual affair, occurs sometime during the last week of May. On this day we take our lady friends for a boat trip down beautiful Lake Winnebago, to a picturesque spot called Clifton, where we spend the afternoon in roaming through the woods enjoying the beauties of nature. The real treat of the day, however, comes after the picnic supper. This is the moonlight ride up the lake on the return trip.

Although this has been an unusually successful year, it is not without a feeling of sadness that we look forward to its close, for it means the parting with five of our brothers, some of the strongest men in the Chapter. However, friends must part at last, and we all look forward to the times when they, as alumni, can come back to visit us.

Wisconsin Alpha wishes you all a pleasant and profitable summer.

Fraternally,  
WISCONSIN ALPHA.

*W. C. Eddy,*  
*Chapter Historian.*



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